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Narragansett Quarterly Meeting
and
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

with the approval of
New England Yearly Meeting of Friends
Sixth Month 1951

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held the 21st of 7th Month 1951 at North Dartmouth, Massachusetts, Elizabeth G. Lane and Helen Hiller are representatives of North Dartmouth; Phebe F. Perry and Mary H. Damerel are representatives of Westerly; and Philip C. Gifford, Ruth C. Burgess, Carol Z. Kellam, Albert L. Scott and Iten N. Scott are representatives of Providence, by accounts received from the Monthly Meetings which to this date comprised the Rhode Island and Narragansett Quarterly Meetings. All representatives are present.

By letter from Arthur Jones, Clerk of New England Yearly Meeting, we are notified of the apparently unanimous approval expressed in the following minute: "The Yearly Meeting approved of the action taken by the two quarterly meetings to be merged into Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting".

On the recommendation of the Joint Nominating Committee, Robert S. Burgess is appointed Clerk, John R. Kellam Recording Clerk, and Philip C. Gifford Treasurer. The additional recommendation that the members of the two former committees of Ministry and Counsel continue to serve until new members are appointed in the fall, is approved. Millicent S. Foster, Mary H. Damerel and Alice W. Gidley are appointed members of a committee to nominate members for appointment at the meeting in 10th Month.

Appreciation is expressed for the gracious hospitality we have enjoyed at the Gidley farm.

The Meeting approves the following schedule of Quarterly Meetings to be held: On the 3rd 7th Day of 1st Month at Providence except that the coming 1st Month Meeting is to be held at Saylesville, 4th Month at Westerly, 7th Month at North Dartmouth, and 10th Month at Westerly. Meeting for Ministry and Counsel will be held at 10 o'clock, Meeting for Worship at 11 o'clock, and Meeting for Business immediately following lunch. Responsibility for

visitors, fellowship periods, or special programs is held by the clerk of the local Meeting where the Quarterly Meeting is to be held, in consultation with the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting. The Quarterly Meeting is responsible for issuing notices of meetings. It is agreed that no program be arranged for the 4th Month meeting each year owing to the unusual amount of business which is handled at this meeting each year preceding the Yearly Meeting.

After hearing a description given by Russell Brooks of the work of the Central Advisory Committee in the Yearly Meeting, it is agreed that we shall let the organization of Quarterly Meeting committees form itself around concerns and activities as they arise in the future.

The practice of reading each of the Queries for consideration twice each year is adopted, half of the Queries to be read at each meeting from the Faith and Practice of the New England Yearly Meeting. Accordingly, the following Queries are read: Meeting for Worship and Ministry, Business Meeting, Christian Fellowship, Personal Standard of Living, Marriage and the Family.

Encouragement is felt in the interest shown by visitors who have come from all parts of the Quarter to this Meeting.

Today's speaker is announced as Betty Gifford, who brings us a report on the interviews and conferences which she and Seth Gifford had with Senators, Representatives, and others in Washington, D. C. on their concern about the conscription issue soon to be revived in Congress.

We adjourn, to meet again on 10th Month 20th at Westerly.

John K. Kellam
Recording Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held the 20th of 10th Month 1951 at Westerly, Rhode Island, Wendell Hewson and Alice W. Gidley are representatives of North Dartmouth; Alice Perry and Thomas Perry are representatives of Westerly; and Louisa White, Harold W. Myers and Henry C. Foster are representatives of Providence, by accounts received from the Monthly Meetings. All representatives are present.

A concern is felt for the strengthening of the North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, with aid for this purpose to be extended by the committee of Ministry and Counsel of the Quarterly Meeting.

On recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the clerks appointed at the reorganization meeting in 7th Month are to continue, but Wendell Hewson is appointed Treasurer instead of Philip Gifford in order to give more representation among the

Monthly Meetings in the Quarterly Meeting.

A communication from that portion of the divided Rhode Island Monthly Meeting which intends to remain in the New England Yearly Meeting states their intention of joining the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, and petitions for a transfer from this Quarter that they may be accepted there in due order. This Meeting approves the transfer and directs the Clerk to write to the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting to this effect.

A communication from the other portion of the divided Rhode Island Monthly Meeting which intends to join the Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus) notifies this Meeting that the former Rhode Island Monthly Meeting has been laid down, and requests that a proper minute be made transferring the new Rhode Island Monthly Meeting from the New England Yearly Meeting to the Ohio Yearly Meeting. It is our understanding that the former Rhode Island Monthly Meeting as previously known has been discontinued, the membership having divided into two portions, one to be known as the Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends and to remain in the New England Yearly Meeting, and the other portion to be known as the Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends of Ohio Yearly Meeting. Our further understanding being that the action already taken by the New England Yearly Meeting has accomplished the release of this Monthly Meeting, the Clerk is instructed to write a letter to the Clerk of the new Rhode Island Monthly Meeting (Ohio) stating that the necessary action should be taken by the Yearly Meeting, and to forward their letter to Arthur Jones, Clerk of the New England Yearly Meeting.

Russell Brooks, speaking for the Yearly Meeting Committee on Peace and Social Concerns, announces the present concern of the Committee for the organization of study groups in the local meetings on several publications recently issued on various social concerns. The Committee offers a supply of pamphlets on "Steps to Peace" and "The Vocation of Friends in the Modern World" for this purpose. We are informed that Cecil Hinshaw will speak to an open meeting at Smithville at 7:30 o'clock in the evening of 11th Month 10th, having been brought to New England by the Regional Office of the American Friends Service Committee.

A need is estimated for $1800 to meet the expenses of delegates from New England Yearly Meeting to the All-Friends Conference at Oxford in 1952, and particularly as an aid to travel costs.

Millicent Foster voices a concern of the Permanent Board that funds are not being received as early or in the amounts that were received last year for the Yearly Meeting budget.

Welcome is expressed to those who are visiting this meeting today, and appreciation is felt for the hospitality offered by Friends of Westerly.

The following Queries are read: Young People and Education, War and Peace, The Social Order, and Race Relations.

As the program speaker today, John R. Kellam brings us some observations on the prison experiences of conscientious objectors during World War II.

We adjourn, to meet again on 1st Month 19th at Saylesville.

John R. Kellam
Recording Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held the 19th of 1st Month 1952 at Saylesville, Rhode Island, Helen Hiller and Elizabeth Lane are representatives of North Dartmouth; Phebe F. Perry and Mary H. Damerel are representatives of Westerly; and Louise Cool, Caleb Smith, Phoebe Mungo and Russell White are representatives of Providence, by accounts received from the Monthly Meetings. All representatives are present.

A report prepared by Philip C. Gifford as interim treasurer is received and accepted. It is agreed that the financial records and funds shall be transferred to Wendell Hewson.

A communication from George Selleck is received with statistical forms to be distributed to the constituent Monthly Meetings of this Quarter. The Clerk is requested to make this distribution and to receive statements from the Monthly Meetings on their spiritual condition for the next Quarterly Meeting.

A communication from Debora Foster, Recording Clerk of the Board of Young Friends Activities proposes a plan for the appointment of one or two young Friends by each Quarterly Meeting to report back to the Yearly Meeting about the activities of young Friends, and to carry back the message of the Yearly Meeting to the local meetings, as well as to help coordinate the work of young Friends in the Quarterly and Yearly Meetings. We appoint Deborah Foster and Carol Smith for this purpose, contingent upon their willingness to serve the Quarterly Meeting in this capacity.

A concern is expressed for the expenses of delegates to the All-Friends Conference at Oxford, since the down payments on steamship passage must soon be made. It is observed that some Monthly Meetings have appointed committees to see their members, and several Monthly Meetings have already sent in the amounts received to date.

The Quarterly Meeting expresses our appreciation to the Providence Monthly Meeting, and particularly to Saylesville Friends, for the hospitality we are enjoying today. Appreciation is also expressed for the many Friends in addition to the appointed representatives who attend Quarterly Meeting. Westerly Friends are looking forward to the meeting in 4th Month.

In future meetings, we intend to proceed directly from lunch to the Business Meeting before setting the kitchen in order.

The following Queries are read: Meeting for Worship and Ministry, Business Meeting, Christian Fellowship, Personal Standard of Living, Marriage and the Family.

Announcement is made that today's speaker is Ann Rogers, visiting English Friend now in Providence for one year as an exchange teacher, who is to speak on the work of the Peace Committee of the Manchester Meeting.

We adjourn, to meet again on 4th Month 19th at Westerly.

John R. Kellam
Recording Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held the 19th of 4th Month 1952 at Westerly, Rhode Island, Alice W. Gidley and Wendell Hewson are representatives of North Dartmouth; Margery Taylor and Julianna Perry are representatives of Westerly; and Henry Foster, Sarah Gallagher, Anna Foster and Thomas Perry Jr. are representatives of Providence, by accounts received from the Monthly Meetings. All representatives are present but one, whose absence is due to illness.

In the absence of Robert Burgess, Henry Foster is appointed temporary clerk for the day.

It is reported that Deborah Foster and Carol Smith have both indicated their willingness to serve the Quarterly Meeting in the capacity of representative young Friends reporting to the Yearly Meeting about the activities of young Friends and helping to coordinate their work in the local, Quarterly and Yearly Meetings.

The report of the Treasurer is received and approved.

Statistical reports are received from each of the three Monthly Meetings. North Dartmouth is to be asked to complete the

statistical account of resident and non-resident members.

Annual reports on the Spiritual Condition of the Monthly Meetings are read. These are to be summarized by the Clerks and sent to the Yearly Meeting along with the original reports of the various Monthly Meetings.

The following representatives are appointed from this Quarterly Meeting to the New England Yearly Meeting: J. Rudolf Metz, 2 years, and Henry Foster is retained for 1 year, for the Finance Committee; Helen Gifford, 2 years, and Anna Foster is retained for 1 year, for the Nominating Committee; Sarah Gallagher; Phebe F. Perry; and Millicent Foster.

The annual report of the Mattapoisett Friends Sewing Circle is received.

An informal report from Paul Butterworth is brought for discussion by Jane Foster on the subject of how the Central Advisory Board is to be appointed for best service and most effective purposes. It is felt that these appointments should be nominated by the Quarterly Meetings so that adequate representation might be had from the various Quarters of the Yearly Meeting.

The following Queries are read: Young People and Education, War and Peace, The Social Order, and Race Relations.

Speaking for the American Friends Service Committee, George Bliss says that local Meetings should feel free to appoint representative members to the Service Committee, and not to wait for the Nominating Committee to invite various people to join in the work. He presents a few examples of locally stimulated work of the A.F.S.C. in New England.

Our speaker today is Otis Shao, a graduate student in political science from China, now at Brown University specializing in international relations. He was formerly an employee of the International Bank at Shanghai.

We adjourn, to meet again on 7th Month 19th at North Dartmouth.

John R. Kellam
Recording Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held the 19th of 7th Month 1952 at North Dartmouth, Massachusetts, Julia Hewson and Elizabeth Lane are representatives of North Dartmouth; Phebe F. Perry and Mary H. Damerel are representatives of Westerly; and J. Rudolf Metz, Sarah Gallagher, William Foster, Ruth C. Burgess, Albert Scott and Iten Scott are representatives of Providence, by accounts received from the Monthly Meetings. All representatives are present but one.

The report of the Treasurer is received and approved. On the matter of what to do with Quarterly Meeting funds, a question arises about the intended use of that portion which has come from the Othniel Tripp Fund. The Treasurer is asked to obtain full information about that fund and to report on it at the next Quarterly Meeting.

A communication is received, transmitting the recent report of the New England Yearly Meeting Finance Committee as adopted by the Yearly Meeting.

It is decided to continue Deborah Foster and Carol Smith as the reappointed young Friends representatives reporting for this Quarter to the Yearly Meeting.

An announcement is received, about the joint conference of New York and New England Yearly Meetings to be held at the Moses Brown School with a group of World Conference delegates, beginning with supper on 9th Month 9th and concluding with lunch on 9th Month 11th.

Representatives to this Quarterly Meeting are asked to remind the local meetings of the Five Years' Meeting Building Fund. Contributing members and meetings are asked to send a statement of intentions to Winslow Osborne, 88 North Main Street, Concord, New Hampshire.

The question is raised whether the Quarterly Meeting should appoint a young man of the Quarter to counsel with local meetings and individuals taking the conscientious objection position whose local meetings cannot counsel with them. We are mindful of the newsworthiness of local meeting events in keeping the public continuously aware of the existence of the pacifist position and of the alternatives to war. Following a discussion of the possibility of forming a Junior Quarterly Meeting, it is decided to arrange some activity during the Quarterly business session for the younger Friends. A committee of the Quarterly Meeting will be formed, with representatives to be appointed from among the parents of each Monthly Meeting. Each Meeting is asked to designate and to forward the name of its representative to such a committee.

As today's speaker, Milton Hadley describes the effectiveness of literature in the training of our members on Friendly

concerns, and offers several pieces of outstanding literature for sale to attending Friends.

The time having arrived for the appointment of Clerks for the coming year, the consensus is that the present clerks be asked to continue for another year, with the thought that in the 4th Month Quarterly Meeting in 1953, there will be a nominating committee appointed.

The following Queries are read: Meeting for Worship and Ministry, Business Meeting, Christian Fellowship, Personal Standard of Living, Marriage and the Family.

We adjourn, to meet again on 10th Month 18th at the new meeting house being completed in Providence.

John K. Kellam
Recording Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held the 18th of 10th Month 1952 at Providence, Rhode Island, E. Wendell Hewson and Harry S. Goodwin are representatives of North Dartmouth; Alice Perry and Harvey Perry are representatives of Westerly; and Katherine Perry, Helen Burgess, William Foster, Caroline Price and Mary Flagg are representatives of Providence, by accounts received from the Monthly Meetings. All representatives are present.

The Treasurer's report is received and approved. Questions which arose at the last Quarterly Meeting on the subject of the Othniel Tripp Fund are answered by Thomas Perry Sr., Henry Foster and Harry Goodwin, who were appointed trustees of the Fund, all of whom are present. The bequest left by Samuel Tripp, of $2500, stated that the income was to go to the Quarterly Meeting, and the type of meeting that could use it was specified. The Probate Court of Bristol County on May 9, 1950 ruled that the Narragansett Quarterly Meeting was the one most like the type described in the will. The Fund is otherwise entirely unrestricted, $2000 of the principal being on deposit in a Fall River savings bank and the $500 balance in a New Bedford savings bank. The income amounts to approximately $60 a year.

The need is expressed for helping the Westerly and South Dartmouth first day schools, and the development of the one in Providence is also mentioned as an appropriate use of some of these funds. Books, transportation, an Interpreter's Bible, and honoraria for the speakers for Quarterly Meetings, are also suggested. A committee is appointed to consider the future disposition of these funds, and is authorized to act in their

discretion or to refer back to the Quarterly Meeting if they so prefer. The members of this committee are: Millicent Foster, Helen Burgess, Wendell Hewson and Phebe Perry.

A report from the Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel mentions the need for more visitation to members who, due to illness or other causes, are not attending. Another need is considered for a midweek meditation time.

A committee is appointed to arrange for activities for the younger Friends during the Quarterly Meeting business session. Harry E. Foster is appointed from Westerly, Elizabeth G. Lane from North Dartmouth, and as the original Providence appointee is unable to serve, a reappointment is to be made.

Notice is given by the Clerk of a series of special meetings which are programmed for the public opening of the new meeting house at Providence, to which all members of the Quarter are invited to come. Appreciation is expressed to the Providence Monthly Meeting for extending the facilities of this new meeting house to the use of the Quarterly Meeting.

On the concern which is expressed for holding Quarterly Meetings on First Days rather than Seventh Days, it is noted that the Connecticut Valley Quarter is the only one in the New England Yearly Meeting which is scheduled on First Days. Russell Brooks describes the concern which is felt throughout the Yearly Meeting for making more of the Quarterly Meeting time available for religious and personal concerns, in line with the spiritual life of each Quarter, rather than taking up too much of the time with routine business. The suggestion is received that a more prolonged conference type of Quarterly Meeting be held on a two-day basis. Another concern related to this is the need for acquainting Quarterly Meeting attenders with the current concerns of each Monthly Meeting, in order to have each local meeting enter more closely into the life of the other meetings. This concern is referred back to the Monthly Meetings for consideration, and reports can be received at the next Quarterly Meeting.

The following Queries are read: Young People and Education, War and Peace, The Social Order, and Race Relations. A concern is voiced that the reading of the Queries be made a more cogent part of our meetings, both local and Quarterly, in order to have serious consideration given to each.

Today's speakers are Harvey and Julianna Perry, who bring us their observations from their travels among Friends in Europe and the British Isles.

We adjourn, to meet again on 1st Month 17th at Providence.

John K. Kellam
Recording Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held the 17th of 1st Month 1953 at Providence, Rhode Island, Helen Hiller and Alice Gidley are representatives of North Dartmouth; Marjorie B. Taylor and Thomas Perry Sr. are representatives of Westerly; and Caleb A. Smith, Henry C. Foster, Sarah N. Gallagher, Philip C. Gifford and J. Russell Price are representatives of Providence, by accounts received from the Monthly Meetings. All representatives are present.

The minutes of the preceding Quarterly Meeting are read and approved.

It is reported that the departure of Harry E. Foster to Saudi Arabia leaves the need for his replacement on the committee on Young Friends activities.

A recommendation is brought by Helen Burgess for the committee appointed to consider the disposition of income from the Othniel Tripp Fund. The committee proposes that the Quarterly Meeting maintain a circulating library for the use of the Monthly Meetings, and submits a lit of books as the initial collection to be drawn upon. It is also suggested that the Quarterly Meeting library be made available for use at the one-day conferences to be held under Yearly Meeting sponsorship on the subjects of Peace and Social Concerns, Young Friends, Missions, and Religious Education. The report is accepted, and action is deferred pending arrangements for Quarterly Meeting programs. Elizabeth Gifford is reported to be Religious Education Superintendent for this Quarterly Meeting this year.

A communication is received from Providence Monthly Meeting concerning the recent organization of a Preparative Meeting at Saylesville.

Reports from the Monthly Meetings are received concerning the future scheduling of Quarterly Meetings, and an extensive discussion of various alternatives is had. It is the consensus that a special Quarterly Meeting committee be appointed to give careful consideration to all the proposals and suggestions received, and make recommendations at a future Quarterly Meeting. The Clerk appoints Julia Hewson of North Dartmouth, Julianna Perry of Westerly, and Charles Hutton of Providence. The Clerks are to be included ex officio. The committee is further authorized to put its recommendation into effect with a timely announcement of any change at the next Quarterly Meeting if they find it desirable. Although the day is to remain the same, it is felt that a change of some sort is needed in the hour and programming. The committee is asked to return a recommendation for a permanent committee to have charge of the program.

The Clerk distributes to representatives the forms to be used in reporting the annual Monthly Meeting statistics through the Quarterly Meeting to the Yearly Meeting. A request has gone

to the local Ministry and Counsel Committees for their statements on the spiritual condition of their Meetings.

The following Queries are read: Meeting for Worship and Ministry, Business Meeting, Christian Fellowship, and Personal Standard of Living.

The program today is to be a showing of the A.F.S.C. film based on the publication "Steps to Peace", preceded by an informal report by Julianna Perry on the Annual Meetings of the A.F.S.C., the Friends World Committee for Consultation and the Friends Fellowship Council.

We adjourn, to meet again on 4th Month 18th at Westerly.

John R. Kellam
Recording Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held the 18th of 4th Month 1953 at Westerly, Rhode Island, Ann G. Lowry and Helen M. Hiller are representatives of North Dartmouth; Alice Perry and Margery Taylor are representatives of Westerly; and Elizabeth M. Chace, Mary V. Myers, Henry C. Foster and John R. Kellam are representatives of Providence, by accounts received from the Monthly Meetings. All but two representatives are present.

The minutes of the preceding Quarterly Meeting are read and approved with one correction.

The Quarterly Meeting expresses our appreciation to the Friends of Westerly for the hospitality we are enjoying today.

Two communications are received from the Yearly Meeting Committee on Peace and Social Concerns. The first, from Alice T. Hartnett, announces the organization of a speech contest for Young Friends on "Peace". Further information is given by Caleb Smith, to the effect that the date for the preliminary contest has been set for Fifth Month 24th, at the Providence Meeting House. The second communication from Rachel A. Osborne announces the availability of Cecil Hinshaw for counseling conscientious objectors, and of literature on our peace testimony for the use of young people.

A communication from Robert E. Owen, Clerk of the Permanent Board of the Yearly Meeting, contains the Board minutes of Second Month 17th relative to care of cemeteries, on contributions to the invested funds of the Yearly Meeting, and on the

desirability of having treasurers bonded wherever substantial funds are involved.

This Meeting requests Julianna Perry to be convener of the special Quarterly Meeting committee to study the scheduling of future Quarterly Meetings. Alice Gidley is appointed to succeed Julia Hewson on this committee.

It is reported that Friends of the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting have expressed their wish to be in closer contact with our Quarter, and to be invited to our sessions, particularly at North Dartmouth and at Providence. The Clerk is requested to convey our message of welcome and information on our program for 7th Month.

A minute proposed by the Friends Family Fellowship of Providence is read, suggesting that nominations by Quarterly Meetings of their representatives to the Yearly Meetings should be made in the Fall Quarter sessions. This minute is approved for forwarding to the Yearly Meeting. It is felt that each year's nominating committee should continue to function as required until the succeeding year's committee is appointed by the Quarterly Meetings.

Statistical reports are received from each of the three Monthly Meetings for transmittal to the Yearly Meeting.

Annual reports on the spiritual condition of the Monthly Meetings are received and read. These are to be summarized by the Clerks with editorial aid from John Alford and sent together with the original reports to the Yearly Meeting. The concern is expressed that the summary be shortened considerably.

A combined report of the First Day Schools is received and summarized orally by the Clerk. The need is felt for narrative reports as well as statistics.

The report of the Mattapoisett Friends Sewing Circle is received and made available for individual reading.

A nominating committee is appointed, to report at the 7th Month meeting its recommendations for Quarterly Meeting appointments for the coming year. William Foster, Ruth Burgess and Phebe Perry are named as members of this committee.

Russell Brooks speaks about plans for the Yearly Meetings to be held at Andover June 16th to 21st. A good leadership is expected this year. He urges that any unattended children be registered well ahead of time so as to assure their care. A special adult institute will be held immediately following the Yearly Meeting under Service Committee sponsorship at Avon Old Farms, Avon, Connecticut, from June 21st to 28th, on the subject, "The Quaker Approach to Contemporary Affairs".

The following representatives are appointed from this

Quarterly Meeting to the New England Yearly Meeting: Henry C. Foster, 2 years, with J. Rudolf Metz retained for 1 year, for the Finance Committee; Caleb A. Smith, 2 years, with Helen T. Gifford retained for 1 year, for the Nominating Committee; and as general representatives, Julianna Perry, Gertrude Hammond, John Alford and Ann G. Lowry.

Due to the departure of Wendell Hewson from New England, and to his resignation as Quarterly Meeting Treasurer, it is agreed that the Clerks should hold his books and transact any business as necessary with Wendell Hewson's help by correspondence, and that his resignation is to be considered effective as of July, 1953.

Caleb Smith reports on the one-day conference held under Yearly Meeting sponsorship at Providence last Sunday afternoon. A need was there recognized for implementing and strengthening the peace activities of the meetings and their members, by means of repeated visitations on a deeply religious basis of concern.

A message of love and sympathy goes to Marian Goodwin in her illness.

Westerly Friends are grateful to Friends of the Quarterly Meeting for coming in good numbers and having meetings of so inspiring a nature; and Friends from other meetings appreciate the gracious hospitality of Westerly Friends at the Spring meetings of the Quarter.

The following Queries are read and thoughtfully considered: Marriage and the Family, Young People and Education, War and Peace, The Social Order, and Race Relations.

We adjourn, to meet again on 7th Month 18th at North Dartmouth.

John R. Kellam
Recording Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held the 18th of 7th Month 1953 at North Dartmouth, Massachusetts, Helen Downer and Alice Gidley are representatives of North Dartmouth; Eva Foster and Alice Perry are representatives of Westerly; and Martha Metz, Henry Foster, Albert Scott, Ruth Burgess, John Kellam, Caroline Price and Alfrieda Meyers are representatives of Providence, by accounts received from the Monthly Meetings. All but one are present.

The minutes of the preceding Quarterly Meeting are read and approved.

A communication is received from Barbara, David, Julia and Wendell Hewson expressing their appreciation of the friendship and fellowship of the Quarterly Meeting during their stay in southeastern Massachusetts. The Clerk is requested to send an acknowledgment.

A large number of epistles received by New England Yearly Meeting from other Yearly Meetings all over the world are presented. These are now circulating among all the Quarterly Meetings in New England. The epistle from the Netherlands Yearly Meeting is read, speaking of the spiritual values arising from the personal participation of many helpful visitors in their reconstruction of the flooded lowlands. Excerpts are read, from the epistle of Southern Africa Yearly Meeting about their reconciliation work during this period of racial struggle there, and from the Yearly Meeting at Pemba, Zanzibar about the absence of any real troubles there while their sympathies extend to Friends everywhere whose situations are in that respect so very different just now. After the circulation of these epistles is complete, they will be available for individual reading in the care of the Yearly Meeting's correspondence committee chairman, Robert Cool, at Providence.

The report of the nominating committee is received, suggesting appointments for the coming year as follows: Clerk, Caleb A. Smith; Recording Clerk, Sarah N. Gallagher; and Treasurer, Marian B. Goodwin. This Meeting accepts the report with appreciation, approves the suggested names, and makes the appointments as indicated, having learned of their willingness to serve.

Visitors are welcomed from other Quarters and elsewhere, including Charles Mesner, Russell Brooks, and Bernice Aanes from Oslo, Norway. The hospitality of the North Dartmouth Meeting and particularly the comfortable setting of this business meeting at the Gidley Farm are appreciated by all present.

Russell Brooks speaks of two Yearly Meeting projects. First, concerning the Yearly Meeting's Camp being established this summer at South China, Maine, this weekend many visiting Young Friends are speaking at local meetings throughout New England about this. Contributions toward this work may be sent to Myron Jenness at Dover, New Hampshire. The second project is the workers' conference to be held at the Oakwood School in Poughkeepsie from September 8th to September 10th. The discussion will center around the strengthening of fellowship among the programmed and unprogrammed meetings of Friends.

Notice is taken of the approval by the Yearly Meeting of the minute forwarded from this Meeting in 4th Month concerning the nomination of representatives.

The visit of two traveling Friends, Ashton and Marie Jones

who are now in Rhode Island, is reported. They are nearing completion of a visit to every state capitol in this country, in the interests of world brotherhood and inter-racial harmony. Although a previous engagement prevented them from participating in these sessions of the Quarterly Meeting, various Friends in the Providence area have enjoyed visiting with them. Several broadcasts to be heard, and one telecast to be seen this weekend were announced.

The Clerk reports on the Adult Institute recently held at Avon Old Farms. This conference was directed toward the unprogrammed form of seeking, with ample opportunities for conversation and spontaneous discussion rather than a program of lectures and formal discussion periods. It is the consensus among those here who attended that the meetings moved more people more deeply than any other conference they have participated in.

Thyra Jane Foster presents an account of the community development program now being developed in India under Point Four, and a letter by an Indian student of government now in this country, Palayam M. Balasundaram, who is seeking contributions toward his return passage upon completion of his studies.

The following queries are read for consideration: Meeting for Worship and Ministry, Business Meeting, Christian Fellowship, and Personal Standards of Living.

We adjourn, to meet again on 10th Month 17th at Providence.

John R. Kellam
Recording Clerk

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Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met according to adjournment on the 17th of Tenth Month, at Providence, with a Meeting for Worship at 11:00 a.m. and the business session at 2:00 p.m. The representatives were Helen Hiller and Alice Gidley from North Dartmouth Meeting; Alice Perry and Julianna Perry from Westerly Meeting; and Mary Flagg, Charles Hutton, Anna Foster, Katharine Perry, Caroline Price, and Warren Howe, from Providence Meeting, by accounts received from the Monthly Meetings. All but two were present.

The Meeting opened with a period of quiet waiting upon the Lord.

The clerk presided and twenty-five members and three welcome guests (Ellen Robinson, Elizabeth Smiley, and Marion Rawson) were present.

The minutes of the preceding Quarterly Meeting were read and approved with commendation of the work of the recording clerk.

The Meeting agreed upon a new schedule for Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, to be organized as follows: First Month, at Providence; Fourth Month, at Westerly; Seventh Month, at North Dartmouth; and Tenth Month, at Saylesville. The last-named was upon the cordial invitation of Caroline Price, and was contingent upon the approval of Saylesville Preparative Meeting. The clerk was instructed to notify the Yearly Meeting Central Office of this change.

The Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel reported its continued consideration of the function of Quarterly Meeting. It suggested that the matter be placed in the hands of a committee appointed jointly by the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel and this Meeting. In particular, there had been discussion of the recently altered procedure of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. This Meeting asked the committee to make plans for the next session of Quarterly Meeting. Considerable sentiment was expressed for an over-night conference, with a full schedule.

Thomas Perry and Harold Myers had been named to serve on a committee to consider the matter by the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. To these Friends, Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting added Warren Howe, Julianna Perry, Caleb Smith, Alice Gidley, and Jane Foster.

Ministry and Counsel reported that Providence Meeting is sponsoring a series of discussion groups to meet, in general, the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. They will study the History of Quaker Faith and Practice. Westerly Meeting is planning a supper meeting to hear reports from young people who attended High School Institutes at the Barrett Farm this summer.

Phebe Perry was approved as our representative on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee for two years. It was recalled that in the Fourth Month Caleb Smith was named to this committee for two years.

The Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Saylesville Meeting - 1703 to 1953 - was announced. It will be observed on 11th Month 8th. The clerk was instructed to write a letter of greeting to Saylesville Friends for this occasion.

Julianna Perry described the successful operation for three weeks of the new New England Yearly Meeting Young Friends Camp at Pond Meeting House and the contributions it had made to the community of South China, Maine, and suggested that we send young people there next summer.

Ellen Robinson, the speaker of the afternoon, was introduced by Ruth D. B. White. Ellen Robinson is the President of the United Society of Friends Women (National). She spoke of the many aspects of the work of this Society, which has grown out of the Woman's Missionary Society, but expanded with the development of many other interests. Her presentation of these matters was followed by lively discussion centering first upon the advisability of having a separate organization for women in our local Meeting, and second upon the question of the similarity of these interests and the interests of Providence Monthly Meeting.

The clerk read the Fifth and Sixth Queries, and they were considered in silence.

The clerk then adjourned the Meeting to Providence on First Month 16th, the Lord willing, at a time to be set by the committee appointed by this Meeting and the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

Sarah N. Gallagher
Recording Clerk

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In accordance with recommendations by the committee on Program Arrangements, Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting was convened on the 16th of First Month, 1954, at Providence. Ministry and Counsel meeting was scheduled at 2:00 P.M., followed at three o'clock by Meeting for Worship and the business session at four o'clock, a social half-hour scheduled at five o'clock, and a covered-dish supper at

5:30 P.M. The evening sessions included a descriptive presentation illustrated by slides, of Jamaica Yearly Meeting and the Island of Jamaica, by Thomas Bodine, and a symposium, "Our Search, its Basis, Objective and Techniques", presented by a large group of young people invited by Harold Myers for the Quarterly Meeting.

The business session met according to adjournment. In the absence of the Recording Clerk due to a winter storm, John Kellam was appointed Recording Clerk for the day. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. Representatives of North Dartmouth were Harry Goodwin and Helen Hiller; of Westerly were Phebe Perry and Thomas Perry, Sr.; and of Providence were Henry Foster, Hazel Meyers, Katherine Perry, Kenneth White and William Connor. All were present except Harry Goodwin, who was kept away by the storm.

Ambrose Meyers reported that Saylesville Friends are very happy to entertain the Quarterly Meeting at its 10th Month sessions each year. Westerly Friends represented theri willing invitation to the Quarterly Meeting to continue its new time schedule at the 4th Month sessions at Westerly. It was agreed that the matter of continuing this schedule should be left to the committee on program arrangements. The consensus being that Saylesville Preparagive Meeting should be represented by one member on this committee, Caroline Price was added to the committee by approval of those present. Upon the suggestion of

Warren Howe that the committee hold a meeting at the rise of this session, to decide upon a program for the 4th Month meeting, and the Westerly committee member being absent, Phebe Perry was requested to serve on this committee for the day. Helen Burgess spoke of the need for a program on the subject of religious education.

Visiting Friends were invited to introduce themselves. Thomas Bodine of Hartford Meeting; Francis, Evelyn and Faith Wheeler of the Pleasant St. Meeting of Worcester; Gerald Smith and Russell D. Brooks of Smithfield Meeting were the guests from other Quarters at these sessions.

Russell Brooks announced that the Peace Committee of the New England Yearly Meeting and the American Service Committee plan to sponsor a one-day conference on February 6th at the Cambridge Friends Center, to be composed of a series of discussion groups, with the purpose of discovering what our basic attitudes should be in the world of today.

Helen Burgess inquired for a renewal of authorization for the use of Othneil Tripp fund proceeds for the purchase of books and for the expenses of a religious education conference to be held this year. It was the consensus that the Treasurer be authorized in his discretion to disburse these proceeds for this purpose according to the need.

Phebe Perry reported that the supper meeting was held to hear the reports from young people who attended High School Institutes last summer, and said that Winifred Barrett has met with a committee appointed at that meeting, consisting of the principals of the two schools and certain others.

The Clerk inquired at the request of the Yearly Meeting Committee on Peace and Social Conerns whether this meeting wished to express itself with respect to the Bricker amendment to the United States Constitution, and was requested to give some explanation of the significance of this measure, which would limit the treaty-making powers of the President. After an extended discussion, the Clerks were asked to draft a communication to be addressed to the Massachusetts and Rhode Island senators expressing the disapproval of this Meeting of the Bricker Amendment. The Clerk was also requested to report to the public press on the action of this Quarterly Meeting on the question. It was further agreed that individual members should be encouraged to take action according to our individual feelings of concern, and that the Monthly Meetings are also in an appropriate position to act on the matter.

The need was expressed for a Quarterly Meeting Peace Committee or representative to keep this Meeting informed on current peace and social concerns. Russell Brooks spoke of the practice in the New England Yearly Meeting of having representatives appointed at the Quarterly Meeting level to each of the four major activities of the Yearly Meeting. This Quarter has not yet done so, and our Yearly Meeting would welcome such appointments. By consensus, action on this matter was laid over to the 4th Quarter meeting, at which opportunity can be taken for a fuller discussion and possible action. The Committee on Program Arrangements was also

requested to give this its consideration during the interim.

The Clerk read the seventh and eighth Queries for our consideration.

This meeting adjourned, to meet again at Westerly on 4th Month 17th, the Lord willing.

John R. Kellam
Recording Clerk for the Day.

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In accordance with recommendations by the Committee on Program Arrangements, Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting was convened on the 17th of Fourth Month, at Westerly. All meetings were held as scheduled by the committee, as follows: on Seventh Day: 2:00 P.M., Meeting for Ministry and Counsel; 3:30 P.M., Meeting for Worship followed by Business Meeting; 5:30 P.M., Social Half Hour; 6:00 P.M., Supper at the meeting house; 7:30 P.M., Symposium by Young People. On First Day, 10:00 A.M., Adult Bible Hour and First Day School; 11:00 A.M., Meeting for Worship.

The business session met according to adjournment. Representatives were from Providence Robert Burgess, Warren Howe, Anna Foster, and William Connor; from Westerly, Alice Perry and Phebe Perry; and from North Dartmouth Alice W. Gidley and Ann G. Lowry. All were present except one, whose absence was due to illness.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A letter from the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting expressed the wish for closer contact with R.I. Quarterly Meeting, and the Program Committee was asked to inform Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of our plans for our Seventh Month Meeting.

Alice Gidley was appointed to serve on the committee to purchase books from the Othniell Tripp Fund in place of Wendell Hewson, who has moved away. The Clerk of this meeting will hand to the Clerk of each of the constituent monthly meetings a list of books already purchased through this fund.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of $229.30, with an outstanding bill for $14.58 for literature from the Friends book store.

Providence and Saylesville Particular Meetings reported an active Bible School in each Meeting, with a total enrollment of 102, including teachers.

The Clerk read the statistical report. R.I. Quarter Meeting has 300 members.

Representatives to New England Yearly Meeting were named. J. Rudolf Metz is at present the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and since his term on that committee has run out he was re-appointed. Henry C. Foster is a member of that committee. The Permanent Board has suggested that there should be 5 representatives from each Quarterly Meeting, plus 1 for each 100 Members of each Quarterly Meeting. Besides J. Rudolf Metz and Henry C. Foster, Phebe Perry and Caleb A. Smith are already representatives, since they are on the Nominating Committee. The Meeting named Warren Howe, Alice Gidley, Russell White, and Harvey Perry as representatives, with Ruth Burgess, Caroline Price, Ralph Smith, and Kenneth White as alternatives.

The Clerk reported that the letter concerning the Bric ker Amendment had been written and sent to the two Rhode Island

Senators, and that a copy had been sent to the Providence Journal and Bulletin which had been printed in those papers.

R.I. Quarterly Meeting asked Young Friends to meet to name their representatives to Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting named as Nominating Committee Thomas P erry, Jr., William Foster, and Russell Price.

There was some discussion of the suggestion made by Yearly Meeting for representatives on each of the four testimony activities of Yearly Meeting (Peace and Social Concerns, Missions, Religious Education, and Young Friends). It was pointed out that ~~such a representative~~ if no one in a Quarterly Meeting were on these committees, it would be important that such a representative be appointed bo bring vack information to the Meeting, but that that situation is not found in this Meeting. However, it was suggested that the Nominating Committee might bear this situation in mind.

The Committee on Arrangements will be asked to continue for the next meeting, which will be held at North Dartmouth. Friends there are hospitably inclined, but are too few to be able to offer over-night hospitality. However, there are plenty of nearby Motels, and the continuation of Quarterly Meeting at First Day Meeting for Worship would be appreciated by them. The Meeting favored an afternoon schedule beginning with a Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

Reports on the spiritual conditions of the three Meetings were read. Westerly is small, but not lacking in spiritual activity. It cooperates with the Connsel of Church Women. North Dartmouth is in much the same situation as Westerly. They miss Wendell Hewson, and they welcome Ann L owry.

It was felt that the reports of the two small meeting could be coordinated. The report on the spiritual condition of P rovidence Meeting was longer than these, and more in detail; it was felt that it should be condensed for presentation to Yearly Meeting. The condensation was left to the two Clerks to work out.

The First and Ninth Queries were read and considered.

The meeting was adjourned to Seventh Month 17th, at North Dartmouth, the Lord willing.

Sarah N. Gallagher
Recording Clerk

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Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting was held at North Dartmouth on Seventh Month 17th, 1954, at 2:30 P.M., according to the arrangement made by the committee in charge.

The meeting opened with a period of silent waiting upon the Lord.

In the absence of the Presiding Clerk, John Kellam was named to act as Presiding Clerk for the day.

No account of representatives was received from Providence Monthly Meeting, but Caroline Price, William Foster, and Sarah Gallagher, who were all present, each remembered being named as a representative. No one remembered, however, that Rudolf Metz had also been named, as the Recording Clerk found upon consulting the notes taken for the Providence Monthly Meeting Bulletin. He was not present to announce himself as a representative.

From accounts received from North Dartmouth, John Wilbur and

Helen Downer, and from Westerly, Phebe Perry and Mary Damoral, were representatives, and were present.

Two visitors were welcomed, Charles Palmer from Lincoln, Nebraska, now with the A.F.S.C.Unit as an attendant at the Rhode Island State Mental Hospital; and Oliver Kirk of Ohio, now in Mansfield, Connecticut.

The minutes of the meeting of Fourth Month were read and approved.

There was no written report from the Treasurer, who was not able to be present. However, the Treasurer had informed Alice Gidley, asking her to report orally to the meeting, that the only activity in the treasury had been the payment of a small bill. The meeting supposed the small bill to be the bill for $14.58 which was reported at Fourth Month to be the only outstanding bill. If this is so, the balance on hand must be $814.72.

The out-going Epistle from New England Yearly Meeting was read by the Recording Clerk.

There was no report from the Nominating Committee. Two members of the committee were present, however, who reported that a meeting had been held and nominations made. They remembered that for Clerk they had nominated Caleb Smith, for Recording Clerk Sarah Gallagher, and for Treasurer Marion B. Goodwin. These names were approved. Bearing in mind the request of Yearly Meeting to be sure that each Quarterly Meeting have a representative on each of the committees on the four major concerns of Yearly Meeting (Peace and Social Concerns, Missions,

Religious Education, and Young Friends), they did not remember these nominations, except that William Connor had been named for the Young Friends. His name was approved. The Presiding Clerk remarked that the names should be sent before Tenth Month to the Central Office, but that they should first be approved by the Meeting. The meeting thereupon declared confidence in the choices of the Nominating Committee by approving the nominations to these committees, whatever they may have been. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain the missing names and forward the information concerning Quarterly Meeting officers and committee members to the Central Office of New England Yearly Meeting.

Russell Brooks as Field Secretary spoke briefly on the increased feeling of unity at the Yearly Meeting just held, eht tenth united meeting. He said that several persons had commented to him on the openness and fine fellowship that had been developed. He then spoke of the annual Fall Conference to be held at Moses Brown School from September 14th to 16th. The opening session will be addressed by Harold Chance on a theme which has long been close to his heart, "The Missioner and his Mission - Meeting Total Need with Total Concern at Home and Abroad". The conference will explore this concern in the sessions that follow. Russell Brooks assured us that although pastors of meetings attend these fall conferences in considerable numbers, they are not "pastors' conferences," and he urged general attendance.
urged general attendance. He pointed out, further, that they are different from the one-day conferences held later in the year, where emphasis is laid on one or another of the four

departments of Yearly Meeting concern. He left leaflets describing the conference, asking would-be attenders to use the registration blank provided on eac h leaflet, speed of registration being of course desirable. But he added that we would be welcome even if we had not registered ahead of time.

Robert Burgess made an informal report on the Avon Old Farm Institute, which was held this year just before New England Yearly Meeting. This was the second of these institutes, which are held under the A.F.S.C. About a hundred and fifty persons attended. He spoke of the unusual character of the discussions, since they are to a great extent unprogrammed. No effort is made to direct the morning discussions. The leaders meet at noon to try to arrive at the trends of thought that have been revealed, and the later discussions continue these. This year the desire to think Friends principles through was obviously placed before any discussion of how to apply the principles. The high caliber of the leadership made it at first inclined to be academic in expression, but the discussing groups were so determined to understand what they were talking about that as the sessions progresed the atmosphere became less and less academic. It was a moving experience to all who took part in it.

A report of Yearly Meeting activities of Young Friends was read by Leighton Price. They have been holding discussions on both the High School and college levels. The High School discussions have been on basic Christian concepts: on Prayer, the Church, the Nature of God, and Christian discipleship. The college level discussions have been on Reverence for Life, Basic Christian Theology, Friends Testi-

monies, and Personal Standards of Living. A group had heard a talk by a Field Secretary for the A.F.S.C. on the relationship of Conscientious Objectors to the Selective Service system. For the coming year, they hope for increased intervisitation in the New England Yearly Meeting area, also for an increase in local activities. They look forward to the North American Young Friends Conference to be held in Kansas next year, to which they have chosen representatives, and tehy propose an intervisitation caravan to travel to Philadelphia, Pendle Hill, Washington, and North ~~Carle~~ Carolina.

In considering the Next Quarterly Meeting, the Clerk was instructed to ask the Program Committee to continue to function.

Everyone present was invited to a beach picnic following the meeting, at the cott age of Robert and Ruth Burgess at Horse Neck Beach.

The Presiding Clerk read the second and third Queries.

The meeting was adjourned to meet again at Saylesville, on Tenth Month 16th, the Lord willing.

Sarah N. Gallagher

Recording Clerk

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Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting was held according to arrangements, at the Saylesville Meeting House, on Tenth Month 16th, 1954.

The Clerk having sent his regrets that for a second time he was unable to be present, the Meeting named Millicent Foster Presiding Clerk for the day.

From accounts received the representatives were: from North Dartmouth Ann G. Lowry; from Providence Harold Myers, Helen Burgess, Kenneth White, Caroline Price, and Sarah Gallagher; and from Westerly Juliana and Harvey Perry. All were present.

The minutes of the Seventh Month Quarterly Meeting were read and after consideration were approved.

There was no Treasurer's report.

Warren Howe was named for the Nominating Committee of New England Yearly Meeting for two years.

Henry Foster was named for the Finance Committee of New England Yearly Meeting for two years.

The report of the Nominating Committee (due in Seventh Month) was read: for Clerk, Caleb Smith, for Recording Clerk Sarah Gallagher, for Treasurer Marion Goodwin. Representatives on Yearly Meeting committees: Young Friends William Connor, Christian Education Elizabeth Gifford, Missions Ruth White.

Devere and Marie Allen, members who are seldom able to attend Quarterly Meeting, were welcomed, and Devere Allen spoke a word of greeting to the Meeting.

Russell Brooks, always a welcome visitor, spoke of various concerns which come to his attention as Field Secretary. He spoke of the forth-coming one-day work shop to consider the activities of local meetings, to be held at Central Village. He told of the revival of Quakerism in South Uxbridge, of the Friends Meeting which has been started in Storrs, Connecticut, of the removal of the old Bolton Meeting House to Old Sturbridge Village, and of the present day Bolton Meeting. He also spoke of efforts

to decide how to put the old E. Blackstone Meeting House into active use, and in general presented the difficulty of putting sentiment about old buildings into proper perspective with a desire for continued growth.

A letter from Helen Hiller was read expressing deep concern for the inconsistency of attitude, when churches which call themselves "Christian" nevertheless support wars which they call "just".

The Committee to Arrange a P rogram for Q uarterly Meeting was asked to serve until a new committee shall be named by the Nominating Committee of this Meeting.

Russell Brooks suggested that special invitations be extended to Friends from other Quarterly Meetings to visit us, thus promoting intervisitation.

The program was carried through according to the arrangement of the committee in charge. Ministry and Counsel met at 2:00 o'clock, and meetings for worship and for business followed. A covered-dish supper followed, preced by a social half-hour, and followed by a hymn-sing. At 7:00 o'clock reports of activities at China Pond Camp were made by Janet Meyers and Carol Ann Price, at Crossways Farm by P eter Fein auer and Willis White. Carol Smith had been a member of the Young Friends Intervisitation Caravan. She was not able to attend this meeting, but her written report of the caravan was read by William Connor. Debora Foster reported on her summer at a work camp in Mexico, and showed pictures in color which she had taken there.

nThe Fourth and Fifth Queries were read and considered.

The meeting was adjourned purposing to meet again in Providence on First Month 15, 1955, the L ord willing.

Sarah Gallagher
Recording Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends met in Providence Meetinghouse on First Month 15th, 1955, the Clerk presiding, and with thirty-four members and three very welcome visitors present, George and Nancy St. John and Daisy Newman present.

After a period of silent waiting upon the Lord, the meeting was opened by the Clerk. According to accounts received the representatives were: from North Dartmouth Alice Gidley; from Providence Louise Cool, Harold Myers, Ralston Thomas, Alex Burgess, Jr., Peter Feinauer, and Ruth Burgess; and from Westerly Phebe Perry and Thomas Perry. All were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and after consideration were approved.

There was no Treasurer's report.

A letter from Jeannette Purdy, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for New England Yearly Meeting, was read urging this Meeting to prepare a summary of the spiritual condition a month earlier than usual. The constituent Meetings agreed to proceed with these reports, sending them to the Clerk of this Meeting in time for him to prepare a summary to be presented to this Meeting in April.

At the third annual New England Yearly Meeting speech contest for Juniors, the subject will be "Prejudice", with particular emphasis on race prejudice. It was decided that our representative to the Yearly Meeting Committee on Peace and Social Concersn should be given the responsibility of presenting this project to the constituent Meetings.

Since this representative had not been named by the Nominating Committee, Ruth Burgess was named from the floor, and the nomination was approved.

A letter from Milton Hadley was read asking for the cooperation of Quarterly Meeting with the Friends Committee on National Legislation in its opposition to the extension of the Selective Service Act after the expiration of the present act in June. Julianna Perry said she expected to be in Washington in the near future, and would be glad to speak to the Rhode Island representatives in Congress, presenting the point of view of Friends in this matter. The Clerk will prepare a minute for her, explaining that we have asked her to speak for us on this matter. Milton Hadley's letter pointed out that the result of brief, sincere letters to Congressmen is impressive. "We want letters, telegrams, 'phone calls from individuals or small groups who sign as individuals. Petitions do not seem effective like individual actions."

A letter from the American Section of the World Conference of Friends was read asking for the reaction of this Meeting to the North American Conference of Friends to be held in the midwest this summer. Members of this Meeting knew very little about it. However, a report from the Young Friends of New England Yearly Meeting, presented to this Quarterly Meeting on Seventh Month, 1954, states that the Young Friends have chosen representatives to this Conference. (p. 29 of the Permanent Record Book.)

Helen Hiller presented Greetings to this Meeting from Finnish Friends.

The Sixth and Seventh Queries were read and considered.

The Meeting was adjourned to meet again in Westerly on Fourth Month 16th, 1955, the Lord willing.

This Quarterly Meeting followed the schedule planned by the Committee on Arrangements. Ministry and Counsel met at two o'clock. Meeting for Worship followed, then came the Business Meeting. Supper was served at 5:30, and at seven o'clock came a symposium on Religion in Education.

Sarah N. Gallagher
Recording Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends met in Westerly Meetinghouse on Fourth Month 16th, 1955, according to adjournment, the Clerk presiding. Twenty-three members were present and two very welcome guests, Daisy Newman and Moses Bailey.

After a period of silent waiting upon the Lord, the meeting was opened by the Clerk. According to accounts received, the representatives were: from North Dartmouth Ann Lowry and Helen Hiller; from Providence Louise Cool, Harold Myers, Ralston Thomas, Alex Burgess, Jr., Peter Feinauer, and Ruth Burgess; and from Westerly Margery Taylor and Harvey Perry.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and after consideration were approved.

Juliana Perry reported that she had had several talks in Washington with our representatives in Congress concerning the opposition of Friends to the extension of the Selective Service Act, and had found them receptive to the point of view.

It was decided to invite Sandwich Quarterly Meeting to attend this Quarterly Meeting in Seventh Month. We are invited to a picnic on the Gidley grounds after the afternoon session.

Ruth Burgess, Carolyn Price, and Ann Lowry were named as a Nominating Committee, and they were instructed to name a Program Committee for the ensuing year, in addition to their previous duties.

Henry Foster was appointed as representative of this Meeting to the New England Yearly Meeting Finance Committee.

General representatives of this Meeting to New England Yearly Meeting were named as follows: Sarah Gallagher, Helen Hiller, John Kellam, Jeannette Smith, with Dorothy Gifford, Helen Gifford, Charles Hutton, and Juliana Perry as alternates.

The Clerk read a letter from Clayton Spinney in regard to contributions to the Equalization Fund. This matter was left to be the concern of the constituent Meetings.

There was no formal report from the Treasurer. The Treasurer was present and said that there had been no activity in the account.

The Clerk read the Statistical Report. This Meeting now numbers 298 in its membership.

The Clerk read a summary of the reports from the constituent Meetings on their spiritual conditions. This summary,

slightly abridged, is to be presented at New England Yearly Meeting. The constituent Meetings are asked to make a report on their activities at the October Meeting, in any form they desire.

Other Friends were invited to attend the covered-dish supper planned by the Providence Meeting at the time when Richard Ullman was to speak, and to the luncheon for him when he was to speak in Westerly.

The E ighth and Ninth Queries were read and considered.

The meeting was adjourned, to meet in North Dartmouth on Seventh Month 16th, the Lord willing.

After supper, the schedule prepared by the Committee on Arrangements was followed. Moses Bailey made and address which gave considerable enlightenment on the situation in the Middle East. The speech contest brought forth very good talks on "Prejudice" from the young people. The two contests were won by Allen Smith, a son of Caleb and Jeannette Smith, for the Senior group, and by Joyce Smith, a daughter of Ralph and Maud Smith, for the Junior group. The winners will be among the competitors at the New England Yearly Meeting speech contest of the Young Friends.

Sarah N. Gallagher

Recording Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met at North Dartmouth on Seventh Month, 1955, the Clerk presiding. Seventeen members and six visitors were present.

After a period of silent waiting upon the Lord, the Clerk opened the meeting. According to accounts received the representatives were: from North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting Marian Goodwin and Alice Gidley; from Providence Monthly Meeting Ruth Burgess, John Kellam, Natalie Howe, and Sarah Gallagher; and from Westerly Monthly Meeting Thomas Perry and Mary Damerel. All but two of these were present.

The visitors to the meeting were welcomed by the Clerk. They were Della Butler, Alice Howland Macomber, and Weston Stevens, from New Bedford, Russell and Barbara Brooks, from Woonsocket, and Elizabeth Smiley from Montclair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and after consideration were approved.

There was no formal report from the Treasurer, but the Treasurer was present and said there was no change in the account.

The Nominating Committee offered the following nominations: for Clerk, Caleb A. Smith; for Recording Clerk, Mary Damerel; and for Treasurer, Sarah Gallagher. The nominations were approved. The following nominations were also made and approved. William Connor as Quarterly Meeting Representative to New England Yearly Meeting Young Friends, with Debora Foster as alternate; and Elizabeth Gifford as Representative of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on the New England Yearly Meeting Committee on Religious Education. The nominations of Robert Cool and Warren Howe as Committee on Arrangements for Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting were approved.

The Clerk read the summary of Yearly Meeting Epistles, as it had been read at New England Yearly Meeting.

Russell Brooks, as a Field Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting, announced two future meetings. The joint Workers' Conference of New York and New England Yearly Meetings will be held September 7 - 9 at Oakwood School in Poughkeepsie,

and a one-day Institute for Presiding and Recording Clerks, Recorders of Vital Statistics, and Treasurers, and Elders, will be held at Allens Neck on October 2.

After those announcements, he went on to announce his own retirement as a Field Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting, to take up the duties of Executive Director of Woolman Hill, the Friends Conference Center now in process of establishment. His duties there will begin on October 1. He added that he hoped to continue to be with the Meetings of this area much as before.

The Clerk expressed the appreciation of this Meeting for the inspiration derived from the helpful presence of Russell Brooks on many occasions, and also expressed the good wishes of this Meeting in this new sphere of helpfulness to Friends in this area, referring to the wealth of background which Russell Brooks will bring to his new assignment.

The question of the time for holding the Seventh Month Meeting was brought up, and the Program Committee was requested to explore the return to morning meetings, possibly beginning at 10:30.

A suggestion was also made that the Program Committee should consider a suggestion from the Yearly Meeting A.F.S.C. that efforts at mediation between management and labor be made the subject of a program during the year.

Russell Brooks recommended that if a change in the time of the Seventh Month Meeting is made, it would be well to get the announcement of the change to the other Quarterly Meetings in time for their spring sessions.

The First and Second Queries were read.

The Meeting was adjourned to meet again in Saylesville on Tenth Month 15th, the Lord willing.

A general invitation was extended to a basket picnic at the Gidley Farm, acceptance of this invitation was also general, and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed.

Sarah Gallagher

Recording Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met at Saylesville on Tenth Month 15th, 1955.

After a period of silence Caleb Smith, Clerk for the ensuing year, opened the meeting.

By accounts received from the monthly meetings the representatives were: from North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting Ann Lowry and Helen Hiller; from Providence Monthly Meeting John Kellam, Hazel Myers, Carol Ann Price, Robert Cool, and Helen Burgess; and from Westerly Monthly Meeting, Phoebe Perry and Mary Damerel. All were present but one, who was absent because of the illness of a close relative.

The Clerk welcomed Milton Hadley, our Field Secretary and William Taber of Pittsburgh and Barnesville Monthly Meetings, who is teaching at Moses Brown School.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following nominations were made and approved: to the Program Committee of the Quarterly Meeting in addition to Robert Cool and Warren Howe, Ambrose Myers, Audrey Kestner, Ann Lowry, Phoebe Perry, and the clerk ex officio; to New England Yearly Meeting of Young Friends, Ann Cool as representative and Carol Ann Price as alternate; to the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee for two years, Rudolph Metz; and to the Nominating Committee of the Yearly Meeting for two years, Caroline Price.

Henry Foster reported that the Central Advisory Committee has been concerned that monthly meeting records be kept in a more exact way. He brought with him copies of a new record book with an individual record page for each member and suggested that each monthly meeting purchase one. The new books are to be brought into use in First Month, 1956.

Milton Hadley announced that Yearly Meeting will be held at Andover in Sixth Month, 1956. He suggested for monthly meeting study before the tercentenary program at Yearly Meeting a pamphlet, "The Quaker's Faith", by Rufus Jones, which has recently been reprinted with an introduction by Alexander Purdy, and distributed a generous number of copies to monthly meeting representatives.

The Treasurer, Sarah Gallagher, presented a report of the income from the Othniel Tripp Fund, Harry Goodwin, Trustee. This account is kept in the Savings Department of the Washington Trust Company in Westerly. Owing to the illness of Harry Goodwin interest due this account was not forwarded from the Othniel Tripp Fund after Sixth Month, 1952, until Seventh Month 20th, 1955, when $175.96 was deposited. Two bills were paid in the meantime, both of them to the Friends' Bookstore in Philadelphia, $12.97 on Fifth Month 28, 1953, and $14.58 on Fifth Month 27, 1954. On each of the three occasions when the bank had access to the bank book, the interest, which accrued on Sixth Month 1st and Twelfth Month 1st, was added. The balance in Sixth Month, 1952, was $227.18. The balance in Tenth Month, 1955, is $388.29.

It was felt that a number of worthy causes could be aided by the use of this interest. After several uses for it had been suggested it was decided to use some of it to secure a speaker for Quarterly Meeting, and to contribute $100. each to the Lincoln and Moses Brown drives to secure school funds. Phoebe Perry, a member of the Lincoln School Board, reminded us that as these schools are administered by the Yearly Meeting it is important that both the Quarterly Meeting and its members as individuals assume responsibility for these drives.

The Clerk spoke of the passing of Elizabeth Chase and Devere Allen. Memorials to these friends are to be prepared by their monthly meetings and forwarded to the Yearly Meeting. The Clerk was directed to send a letter of sympathy to Marie Allen, noting Devere and Marie Allen's helpful attendance at Saylesville Quarterly Meeting last year.

The Clerk read the Queries from the New England Yearly Meeting Discipline prepared in 1872.

The meeting then adjourned to meet in Providence on First Month 21st, 1956.

Mary Damerel

Recording Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Providence on First Month 21st, 1956:

By accounts received from the monthly meetings the representatives were as follows: from Providence, Helen Burgess, Ambrose Meyers, Andrey Kestner, Russell Price, Willis White, and Thomas Perry, Jr.; from North Dartmouth, John G. Wilbur and Ann Lowry; and from Westerly, Margery Taylor and Thomas Perry. All were present.

The treasurer's report showed a balance in the savings department of the Washington Trust Company of Westerly in Tenth Month, 1955, of $388.29. In Eleventh Month, 1955, $100. was given to the Lincoln School Development Fund, leaving a balance in First Month, 1956, of $288.29.

Thomas Perry, Jr., reported that to date the total amount collected for the Lincoln School Development Fund is $292,000. Expenses for the drive are $20,000. The Moses Brown Drive, begun on First Month 15th, will continue until the end of summer. It was decided that the Quarterly Meeting would make a contribution to this fund in Fourth Month.

It was announced that a memorial service for Frances Wheeler would be held on Second Month 7th at the Providence Meeting House.

Another announcement concerned the fact that the Friends World Committee, American Section, has made available a number of grants for training in Quaker leadership.

A discussion concerning the Yearly Meeting budget followed. The amount received to date is less than at this time last year and the budget has been made tighter. The Clerk spoke of the necessity for long-range thinking about this problem.

The thought was expressed that the budget is not too large or a burden to most meetings. It is at present based on the rate of $6. per person.

In connection with per capita giving it was felt that the number of Young

Friends and inactive Friends influenced the ability of meetings to give on a per capita basis. Giving by pastoral meetings is affected by the need to find the money for the pastor's salary.

New England Yearly Meeting has not yet met its share of payments to the Five Years Meeting.

Yearly Meeting will be held this year at Lasell Junior College in Auburndale, Massachusetts. The speech contest under the direction of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee will be omitted because the tercentenary program will require the time allotted for the contest in other years.

Melicent Foster reminded us that our ability to turn from the moral law to practical action in connection with civil liberties is very important. Her concern found its illustration in the very troubled time Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, is having in defense of its librarian. The situation in the community of Plymouth is difficult. If our convictions are rightly put into action the help of the Creator is necessary.

The Clerk read the 8th and 9th Queries.

The Meeting then adjourned to meet in Westerly on Fourth Month, 21st.

Mary Damerel
Recording Clerk

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Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends met in Westerly on Fourth Month 21, 1956.

By accounts received from the monthly meetings the representatives were: from Providence, Ambrose Meyers, Robert Cool, Mary Meyers, Jane Foster, and Sarah Gallagher; from North Dartmouth, Helen Hiller, Marian Goodwin, and Ann G. Lowry; and from Westerly, Harvey Perry and Mary Damerel. All were present but two.

Welcome guests were Daisy Newman and Milton Hadley.

In accordance with a suggestion made at the business session in First Month a contribution of $100. to the Moses Brown Drive for School Funds was approved.

Representatives to Yearly Meeting were then appointed. They were as follows: Ann Lowry, Jane Foster, Louisa White, and Allen Smith as a representative from the Young Friends. Alternates appointed were Charles Hutton, Margery Taylor, and Robert Cool.

Previously appointed representatives whose appointments are still in force are: Rudolph Metz, appointed for two years to the Finance Committee; Henry Foster, appointed for one year to the Finance Committee; Caroline Price, appointed for two years to the Nominating Committee; and Warren Howe, appointed for one year to the Nominating Committee.

Appointed to the Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee were: Jane Foster, Julianna Perry, Alice Gidley, and Harold Myers.

The statistics from the constituent meetings were then read. Our present membership is 300, a net gain of 2 from last year.

First Day Schools are maintained by Providence and Saylesville. Providence reported a membership of 83, with 8 teachers; Saylesville, 13, with 4 teachers.

Milton Hadley spoke of Yearly Meeting, urged members to attend, and commented on the number of fine speakers secured, among them Henry Cadbury.

A concern was expressed that names of Young Friends receiving help from the Equalization Fund should be approved by their monthly meetings.

The clerk then read the reports of the spiritual condition of the monthly meetings and presented a summary which he will revise and forward to the Yearly Meeting.

Following the summary there was a discussion of the difficulties involved in the preparation of these reports, and the thought was expressed that at Yearly Meeting we should discuss with others the advisability of discontinuing them.

Memorials to three Friends who died in 1955 were read: Martha Metz, of Providence Monthly Meeting; De Vere Allen, of Westerly Monthly Meeting; and Elizabeth

Chase, who held membership in both Providence and Westerly monthly meetings.

A concern was expressed that our government should offer a constructive solution to the troubled situation in the Middle East by assuming leadership in financing a resettlement of the 900,000 Arabs, who for eight years have lived in a desert, in a place they select. The clerk was authorized to express this concern in a letter to the President, Assistant Secretary of State Hoover, Senator George, and our Rhode Island senators. Each member was also urged to send letters.

The clerk read the First Query.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at North Dartmouth on Seventh Month 21st.

Mary H. Damerel

Recording Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Dartmouth on Seventh Month 21, 1956.

By accounts received from the monthly meetings the representatives were: from Providence, Millicent Foster, Philip Gifford and Caroline Price; from North Dartmouth Helen Downer and Elizabeth Lane; and from Westerly, Phoebe Perry and Huldah Randall. All were present but one for whose absence a good reason was given.

The clerk reported that the letters requesting a constructive solution to the troubled situation in the Near East which he had been directed at the last Quarterly Meeting to write had been sent to the President and other government officials suggested.

Jane Foster for the Nominating Committee presented the names of Philip Gifford as clerk for the ensuing year and Mary Damerel as recording clerk. These nominations were approved.

The following nominations to the Program Committee were also presented and approved: Russell Price, as convenor; Harold Myers, Ann Lowry, Alice Perry, and the clerk, ex officio.

Each member of the Program Committee is asked to be responsible for the schedule when the Quarter meets at his meeting. The name of the convenor for the following quarter is to be announced at the close of each meeting, and the Program Committee is directed to send an outline of the schedule to the monthly meeting clerks.

During the next year meetings will start at two except in the summer when we shall meet at ten o'clock for the meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

The clerk read a letter from Clara St. John concerning Young Friends' representatives appointed to attend Quarterly Meeting. She asked that the Quarterly Meeting appoint a Young Friend who would be able to attend and in case of necessary absence would be responsible for appointing his substitute.

The Nominating Committee was asked to canvass the list of Young Friends who could attend the quarterly meetings and was empowered to make the appointment.

Henry Foster reported that he had received a letter from Milton Hadley expressing regret at not being able to attend the meeting at North Dartmouth and giving his new address-- 454 Main Street, Amesbury.

Some time was given to a discussion of the functions of the Quarterly Meeting. It was suggested that more time be allowed for the discussion of concerns and for purposes of inspiration. The thought was expressed that the Quarterly Meeting is a sounding board for concerns, in our Quarter for a group that has met together for many years.

Ann Lowry, clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel asked Friends to prepare themselves more carefully for this meeting. It is open now to everyone. It provides an opportunity to discuss any matters that concern the monthly meetings, and through discussion tends to broaden the monthly meeting viewpoints. It may be well for the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting to ask for a report from it at the business session.

We then continued the discussion of a concern presented at the morning session of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel by Phoebe Perry, Chairman of arrangements of the 1956 Yearly Meeting. She had reported that some of the Young Friends had been the cause of property damage at Lasell Junior College. Two suggestions made in connection with this problem seemed deserving of further study. One was that Young Friends meet at some other place. Caleb Smith offered to look into this matter and will report

to the Quarter concerning his findings. A second suggestion was the need for a stronger physical activity program for our young people.

Phoebe Perry asked for our reaction to the tentative dates, Sixth Month 25th-30th, for next year's Yearly Meeting. They appeared to be satisfactory to the group.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of $194.54. The balance previously reported after the payment of $100. to the Lincoln School Drive had been $288.29. Two interest payments were added to this, one of $2.63 in Twelfth Month, 1955, and another of $3.63 in Sixth Month 1, 1956-- a total of $6.26. On Sixth Month 18, 1956, $100. was contributed to the Moses Brown School Development Fund.

The treasurer read a letter of thanks for this gift from George St. John, Jr.

As Harry Goodwin, trustee of the Othniel Tripp Fund, is in the hospital, Henry Foster and Thomas Perry were appointed to work with him so that the amounts due semi-annually may be added regularly to the interest account at the Washington Trust Company.

The clerk read the report of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee. The new budget is an increase of twenty per cent over last year's.

In connection with this report Henry Foster said that the Missionary Committee had wished an increase in its funds, but the Finance and Coordinating Committees worked out Item 9 of this report, giving boards and committees liberty to ask for special gifts for the Five Years' Meeting work. Money is needed for work in Kenya Colony where Friends have two hundred schools. $1,000. outside of our budget would have to be added if New England Yearly Meeting contributes its per capita share to this work.

The clerk outlined plans for John Green's concern that there should be in Boston a focal point for Friends' activities. He is prepared to give 6-8 Chestnut Street, his home on Beacon Hill, as a Quaker center. Twenty people and a resident couple could be housed there to provide fellowship for Quaker young people, a meeting, and a residential and educational center.

A program of lectures on Friends' history and principles with discussion, or a course given by some outstanding scholar are illustrative of the type of program.

The training of Friends' ministers might be a function. A lecturer secured might visit meetings in New England. It could be a bridge between conservative and Middle Western meetings with an outreach to the Five Year Meeting groups that do not have the opportunity to attend Pendle Hill. It might possibly be connected with Boston University School of Theology.

In its organization there would be a firm tie to the Society, but its governing board would be separately organized and not under the direction of the Yearly Meeting. A temporary committee has been set up to explore the possibility of going ahead with the project.

Each quarter of New England Yearly Meeting is requested to appoint a member to a committee which will explore the program and eventually manage the endowment of $125,000. and the house. There will be eight appointees plus four appointed by the coordinating committee to serve for possibly three or four year terms. As each term expires the eleven other members will fill the vacancy.

The clerk requested the Nominating Committee to present at the next meeting the name of a representative to the committee in charge of the project. This request was approved.

The second and third Queries were read.

The meeting then adjourned, to meet at Saylesville on Tenth Month 20th.

Mary H. Damerel
Recording Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Saylesville on Tenth Month 20, 1956:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved subject to one addition suggested.

By accounts received from the monthly meetings the representatives were: from Westerly, Margery Taylor and Mary Damerel; from North Dartmouth, Ann G. Lowry; and from Providence, Sarah Gallagher, Ambrose Meyers, Philip Gifford, and H. Seymour Wiley. Of this number three were absent.

The clerk welcomed the following visitors from other meetings whose attendance was much appreciated: from Worcester, Oliver, Katherine and June Fraser, Clara Neale, Amanda Silverbrand, Harry and Agnes Harrison, Frances and Richard Reid, and Faith, Francis, and Evelyn Wheeler; from Poughkeepsie, David and Harriet Lane; from Jamestown, Ohio, Helen Fletcher; from Amesbury, Freda and Milton Hadley; and from Claremont, California, Elizabeth P. Steiner.

The treasurer's report showed no change in the previous balance of $194.55.

As the attendance at the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel and the afternoon business session was approximately the same, Ann Lowry, clerk, felt that no report of the morning meeting was necessary.

The clerk announced that the Quarterly Meeting Program Committee will meet in Providence within two or three weeks to arrange the program for the meeting to be held in First Month.

The following appointments were made and approved: to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee for two years, Warren Howe; to the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee for two years, John Kellam; to the committee concerned with John Green's project, Harold Myers; and as the Young Friends' representative to attend quarterly meetings, Carol Halewood.

Caleb Smith, who had been appointed in Seventh Month to look into more satisfactory arrangements for the Young Friends attending Yearly Meeting, reported that not enough time had elapsed for new plans to be made.

Jeanette Smith, for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, announced that Edward Snyder, from the Friends' Committee on National Legislation, will speak on Tenth Month 31st at Providence Meeting.

Milton Hadley reminded us that the new Finance and Nominating Committees, with five other Yearly Meeting Committees, will meet at Cambridge on Eleventh Month 3rd.

Another reminder concerned the joint conference of New York and New England Yearly Meeting representatives to be held at Woolman Hill on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of this month.

Da vid Lane then spoke with appreciation of New England Yearly Meeting's history, commenting on its aid in the establishment of New York Yearly Meeting.

The clerk read the fourth and fifth queries.

The meeting then adjourned to meet in Providence on First Month 19th.

Mary H. Damerel
Recording Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held in Providence, First Month 19th, 1957:

The minutes of the meeting in Tenth Month were read and approved.

By accounts from the Monthly Meetings the names of the representatives were: from North Dartmouth, Alice W. Gidley; from Westerly, Alice E. Perry and Marjorie B. Taylor; from Providence, Ambrose Meyers, William Taber; Nathalie Howe, Elizabeth Foster, and Helen T. Gifford. All were present but three.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Balance previously reported	$194.55
Othniel Tripp Fund	172.15
	$366.70

Bills presented and approved paid:

Refreshments for Quarterly Meeting- 10/20/56	$19.70
Expenses for Caleb Smith	14.00
	$33.70

A communication from the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns was read, asking for time at the next Quarterly Meeting to discuss "Disarmament". This concern was spoken to by Jeannette Smith, and others. Since the Program Committee has already arranged for the Fourth Month Meeting, it was suggested that Providence hold the discussion at a special meeting in the spring.

We welcomed as guests James and Elsie Coney, and Philip Cornell and his wife.

The Ninth Query was read.

The Young Friends reported on their Woolman Hill Conference held Twelfth Month 26 - 28th, 1956, also on the Pond Camp, Maine, and other projects they propose this year.

Adjourned to meet in Westerly in Fourth Month, the Lord permitting.

Julianna Perry

(Clerk for the Day)

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Westerly on Fourth Month 20, 1957.

In the absence of the clerk Caleb Smith was appointed clerk for the day.

By accounts received from the monthly meetings the representatives were: from North Dartmouth, Alice W. Gidley; from Providence, Rudolph Metz, Henry Foster, Anna Foster, and Sarah Gallagher; and from Westerly, Phoebe Perry and Harvey Perry. All but one were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

General representatives to attend Yearly Meeting were then appointed. They were as follows: Julianna Perry, Caleb Smith, and William Tabor. Alternates appointed were Helen Burgess, Alice Perry, and Millicent Foster.

Previously appointed representatives whose appointments are still in force are Rudolph Metz, appointed in Tenth Month, 1955, to the Finance Committee to serve for two years, and Caroline Price, appointed at the same time to serve for two years on the Nominating Committee.

Philip Gifford was appointed to the Nominating Committee in place of Warren Howe, who is unable to serve.

The appointment of Young Friends to attend Junior Yearly Meeting was referred to the Providence Young Friends who will forward the names to the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting.

Appointed to the Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee were Jane Foster,

Audrey Kesner, Ann Lowry, and Phoebe Perry.

The statistics from the constituent meetings were read. Our present membership is 277, a net loss of 23. Providence reported one new member. North Dartmouth reported a loss of two by letter to another denomination, and Westerly, one.

First Day Schools were reported by Providence and Saylesville. Saylesville reported an enrollment of 16, with one teacher, and Providence 63, with seven teachers.

Jerry Haskins reported that Providence Young Friends will conduct a symposium on Disarmament during the last week of Fifth Month.

Sarah Gallagher, treasurer, presented the following report:

Balance in Savings Bank, First Month		$369.48
Expended in Second Month to Caleb A. Smith for expenses incurred in connection with the John Greene project		14.00
Expended in Second Month to Caroline Price for refreshments for Quarterly Meeting in Tenth Month, 1956		19.70
Total Expenditures	$33.70	
Balance on hand Fourth Month, 1956		$335.78

Sarah Gallagher spoke of a meeting concerning ministry to migrant workers of Rhode Island to be held in Providence on Fourth Month 23rd. These workers, largely Portuguese, have no children with them. The general chairman of this committee, Mrs. Frank Scoog, 77 Barney Street, East Providence, will be happy to supply a speaker for a Quarterly or Monthly Meeting program. The Providence Sewing Committee is sewing for these workers.

Phoebe Perry, chairman of arrangements for Yearly Meeting, reported that it will be held this year at La Salle Junior College in Auburndale from Sixth Month 18th - 23rd. The theme will be "Peace and the Social Order". One business meeting will be held in the evening. On Friday evening there will be a panel on Education-- Progressive and Conservative. On Sunday Dr. Meek will speak on the religious influence of Whittier.

Milton Hadley spoke of the Equalization Fund. Each young person needing help must apply to his monthly meeting, clearly stating his reasons for desiring to go.

If his request is approved, monthly meeting clerks will sign cards certifying the meeting's approval. For each boy and girl attending Yearly Meeting some responsible person will be present to serve as his counselor. Rates are $25.25, slightly higher than for last year.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at North Dartmouth in Seventh Month. The schedule is as follows: 10:30, meeting for ministry and counsel, followed by the meeting for worship, lunch, and the business session at two o'clock. Special invitations are to be sent to the monthly meetings of the Sandwich Quarter.

Each monthly meeting will plan the schedule for the Quarterly Meeting which will be held in its meeting house during the next year. Saylesville, North Dartmouth, and Westerly like morning sessions. Providence prefers an afternoon and evening meeting. Within the next few weeks monthly meeting clerks are asked to report their meeting's preference to Philip Gifford.

Carol Hailewood gave a report of Young Friends' activities, including a meeting in Cambridge and a China Camp Meeting. A delegate will be sent to a meeting in Jamaica.

The clerk read the reports of the spiritual condition of the constituent meetings. They are encouraging in character. The recording clerk was directed to prepare a summary, which will be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by the clerk.

Milton Hadley spoke of pamphlets he had brought with him, which are to be distributed to the monthly meetings. He reported that Yearly Meeting finances are running a little ahead of last year. Notices will soon be sent to monthly meeting clerks.

Caleb Smith spoke of his concern for the proposed budget cut in our foreign aid. A decrease would not serve the ideals of brotherhood, and appeals to our legislators would help.

The 6th, 7th, and 8th Queries were read.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at North Dartmouth in Seventh Month.

Mary H. Damerel
Recording Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at North Dartmouth on Seventh Month 20th, 1957.

By accounts received from the monthly meetings the representatives were: from North Dartmouth, Harry S. Goodwin and Helen Downer; from Providence, Mary Flagg, Rudolph Metz, Edward White, Ruth White, and Ann Cool; and from Westerly, Phoebe Perry and Mary Damerel. All were present.

Millicent Foster and Helen Burgess, Quarterly Meeting representatives, presented their reports. Helen Burgess reported that due to effective planning the situation with respect to Junior Yearly Meeting was much improved. It was suggested that a letter of commendation be sent to the Young Friends.

Milton Hadley spoke of the new policy of rotating Yearly Meeting Committees. There appear to be no more complaints or dissatisfaction than one would expect, and the widening of the base on which Yearly Meeting operates may be helpful.

Equalization funds appear to have been adequate.

Milton Hadley reported that he will retire as field secretary in Ninth Month to work with the Peace and Social Concerns Committee of the Five Years Meeting in Richmond, Indiana, and he introduced the new field secretary, Louis Marsteller.

Ann Cool, Young Friends' representative to Yearly Meeting, gave an interesting report of Junior Yearly Meeting. The high school group discussed Young Friends' responsibilities in the community, prayer, the social ethics of teen-agers, and the adequacy of Young Friends' convictions when they are confronted with school problems.

During the weekend of July 4th Young Friends of high school and college age worked at China Pond Camp to open it. Later in the summer a work camp will be held at Barnesville.

Her report urged the attendance of Young Friends at Quarterly Meetings during the school year.

The Clerk read a communication from the Clerk of the Young Friends' Meeting regarding the Young Friends' Caravan to Jamaica. The cost of sending a delegate will be $80.00.

Milton Hadley said that Young Friends need about $120. for their budget which covers the Barnesville Work Camp as well as the Jamaica Caravan. The suggestion that we contribute $30. to their treasury was made and approved. If individual

contributions are given, they can be sent to Leighton Price.

Sarah Gallagher, treasurer, presented the following report:

Balance on hand First Month, 1957	$333.00
Received from Harry Goodwin, Trustee of the Othniel Tripp Fund, interest on this fund from Tenth Month, 1956, to Fourth Month, 1957	75.00
Interest on the account in the Savings Department of the Washington Trust Company, Westerly	6.97
Total on hand Seventh Month 20, 1957	$414.97

There followed a short discussion of the use of our treasury to arrange for an occasional Quarterly Meeting speaker or to give a Young Friend a scholarship to China Camp next year.

As the chairman of the Nominating Committee was not present, the present Program Committee was asked to carry on until the Meeting in Tenth Month. Nominating Committee members who were in attendance presented the name of Philip Gifford as Clerk. Caroline Price said that Russell Price or she would serve as Recording Clerk. These names were approved.

Milton Hadley spoke for the Beacon Hill Project Committee and asked the Quarterly Meeting to appoint four persons to be members of the Beacon Hill Corporation, one to be selected to serve on the Board of Managers.

The planning of the Quarterly Meetings for the ensuing year was then discussed. The question was asked whether we would consider going back to the old plan for programs - with each Meeting assuming responsibility for the program at its Meeting House. This plan was approved sugject to the provision that the Clerk remind each Monthly Meeting in advance of its responsibility.

Ann Lowry spoke of a suggestion made at Yearly Meeting that Quarterly Meetings find out more about the Friends' General Conference held at Cape May in Sixth Month every second year. She felt that it would be a good opportunity for Friends from the various Yearly Meetings to become better acquainted and exchange ideas in an atmosphere that is freer from organization problems than Yearly Meeting. The next General Conference will be held in 1958.

The Clerk suggested that at a later Quarter we discuss the appointment of a delegate to attend this conference and that we obtain some of its pamphlets and familiarize ourselves with its work.

The following announcements and suggestions were made by Milton Hadley:

George Selleck, who is in charge of the placing of displaced persons, hopes to find a sponsor for a dental assistant in Vienna who is entirely prepared to come to this country.

Milton Hadley asked that we send a delegate to the Sandwich Monthly Meeting Tercentenary to be observed at East Sandwich on Tenth Month 12th. Several representatives were appointed: Louisa White, Harvey Perry, Philip Gifford, Helen Gifford, and Ann Lowry.

Little Compton Meeting House will be open the last First Day in Eighth Month. Jamestown Friends would appreciate attendance at their summer Meetings held at 10:30. Meeting at Apponegansett will be held at three o'clock.

Milton Hadley also suggested that the Huntington Home Committee could be given assistance by Quarterly Meetings. The sesqui-centennial of Whittier could be observed by contributions toward the building of a cottage at the Huntington Home in Amesbury. Monthly Meetings may be interested in organizing groups to visit Whittier's birthplace.

The Clerk expressed appreciation for the attendance of Milton Hadley and Louis Marsteller and for the hospitality of our hostesses and North Dartmouth Friends.

Louis Marsteller spoke of the availability of Levinas Painter as a speaker for the fall Quarterly Meeting.

The Clerk read the first three queries.

Adjourned to meet at Saylesville in Tenth Month.

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Recording Clerk

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Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met at Saylesville Tenth Month 19, 1957.

After a period of silence, Caleb Smith was appointed Clerk for the day.

By accounts received from the Monthly Meetings the representatives were: from Providence, Ruth White, Henry Foster, Caroline Price and Mary Myers: from Westerly, Thomas Perry and Alice Perry; from North Dartmouth, Ann Lowry. All were present, except the Westerly representatives, who were absent because of illness.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and, after correction, were approved.

Ann Lowry reported on the Tercentenary Program held at Sandwich Meeting House, which was an interesting occasion, Livinus Painter and Howard Brinton being extremely full of suggestions for Friends. In attendance were three descendants of the first Clerk, Edward Perry.

Sarah Gallagher, treasurer, reported the balance on hand to be $414.97 after an expenditure of $30.00 for the Jamaica Caravan, a summer project of the Young Friends. She had received a letter of thanks from Leighton Price for our contribution. Russell White spoke of having read an enthusiastic letter from one of the Caravan members. The treasurer's report was accepted.

The following appointments were made and approved: to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee, for 2 years, Caroline Price and for 1 year, Julianna Perry; to the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee, for 2 years, Edward White.

The Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee, not having names ready for the Beacon Hill Corporation, was asked to bring in suggestions at the Quarterly Meet-

ing to be held in Providence in First Month; also to bring in a name for a new Clerk, due to the death of Philip Gifford, former Clerk.

The Recording Clerk was asked to write to Helen Gifford, expressing our feeling of loss for Philip Gifford.

Ann Cool was appointed Quarterly Meeting representative to Young Friends.

Helen Burgess, Chairman of Yearly Meeting Christian Education Committee had asked all Quarterly Meetings to finance the transportation of First Day teachers to an Education Conference to be held at Woolman Hill with Catherine Paton as leader. Board of $9.00 is being furnished by Yearly Meeting, with the Quarterly Meetings being asked for approximately $5.00 per attender towards transportation. The Meeting approved that bill for same be presented by anyone desiring it, to the Quarterly Meeting treasurer. William Halewood donated the use of one car.

The Clerk read the report of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee, which is substantially in excess of the previous year's budget. Helen Burgess reported that Finley Perry says money is coming in slowly, making it doubtful that the budget will be met.

Jerry Haskins informed us that Gerald Smith of Smithfield Meeting has been sentenced to Danbury Federal Prison, for his conscientious objection to military service, and William Foster told us that he has been paroled. The Meeting instructed the Recording Clerk to write him expressing our interest in his welfare.

In speaking of the schedule for next Quarterly Meeting, Providence Monthly Meeting was reminded to send invitations for out of town people to spend the night.

With the reading of the Fourth and Fifth Queries, the Meeting adjourned to meet in Providence First Month 18th, 1958.

Caroline Price
Recording Clerk for the Day

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Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met at Providence First Month 18th, 1958 with approximately 23 members in attendance.

After a period of silence the Meeting was opened by Helen Burgess, Clerk of Providence Monthly Meeting.

The Nominating Committee's report was given by Jane Foster naming Irving Hardy Clerk of R. I. Quarterly Meeting. The report was accepted.

Our new Clerk called for the Minutes of the previous Meeting, which were read and approved by the Meeting after one correction.

By accounts received from the Monthly Meetings the Quarterly Meeting Representatives were: from Westerly, Marjery Taylor and Phebe Perry; from North Dartmouth, Alice W. Gidley; and from Providence, Amy S. Hayden, Gwen Halewood, Henry C. Foster and Irving R. Hardy. All were present.

The Treasurer's report was read by the Clerk and approved by the Meeting, the balance on hand being $371.77.

The Recording Clerk read a report from the Ministry and Counsel Committee concerning the terminology of membership classification, in which it was proposed that the term associate member be dropped and junior member be used in its place. The Meeting approved that the report be sent to the Yearly Meeting Permanent Board.

A letter was read from the secretary of the Board of Managers of Beacon Hill Friends' House Corporation asking for four appointments to the Corp. from our Quarterly Meeting. Jane Foster for the Nominating Committee, presented the names of Caleb Smith and Harold Myers to continue for another term of one year, and Julianna Perry and Robert Cool for two year appointments. The recommendations were accepted.

William O'Connor reported for the Peace Committee of Providence Monthly Meeting which had received a communication from Herbert Huffman stating that he would arrive at 7:30 for our evening meeting. The Peace Committee asked support from the Quarterly Meeting for an AFSC advertisement to be carried by the Providence Sunday Journal at a cost of $235.00. A contribution of $100.00 was approved.

The Meeting expressed appreciation for the attendance of Lillian, Philip and Marcia Cornell from Smith's Neck Meeting.

Louis Marstaller, our Field Secretary, reported that the new matron at Huntington Home is Mrs. Daryrimple. Also that the Yearly Meeting still has considerable more copies of "The Faith of John Greenleaf Whittier", which is being sold to provide a Memorial of Whittier at the Huntington Home. Louis informed us that the New England Office secretary, Elizabeth Knowlton, is at 6 Chestnut St., Boston, regularly on Tues. and Wed. and sometimes on Thurs. He also told of a letter from Milton Hadley, Chairman of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee of Five Years Meeting asking for delegates to the Friends Conference on Disarmament to be held at Germantown, Ohio, Third Month 13-16. Available persons names should be sent to Louis Marstaller or the Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee. Caroline Price reported from the latter Committee that three members already named are Margaret Welch, Robert Lyon and James Toothaker. The Quarterly Meeting approved underwriting the expenses of one delegate, who should request any needed financial assistance.

The Meeting closed with the Clerk reading the Sixth and Seventh Queries, and adjourned purposing to meet at Westerly, R. I. Fourth Month 19, 1958.

Caroline Price
Recording Clerk for the Day

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Westerly, R. I. on Fourth Month 19, 1958:

By accounts received from the Monthly Meetings representatives were as follows: from North Dartmouth, Ann G. Lowry; from Providence, Grace Hardy, Gwen Halewood, Jane Foster and William Foster; and from Westerly, Raymond Titus, Harvey Perry and Mary Damerel. Two representatives were absent, one due to illness.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and, after correction, approved.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of $277.31.

The Meeting was asked to give suggestions for Yearly Meeting Committee membership to Julianna Perry or Caroline Price, our representatives on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee.

Sarah Gallagher reported on the condition of migratory workers in Rhode Island and requested Friends to read literature which she made available . A contribution of $25.00 to the Migrant Ministry of Rhode Island State Council of Churches was approved by the Meeting.

Caleb Smith declined appointment from the Quarterly Meeting to the Beacon Hill House Corporation, due to his already being a member appointed by the Beacon Hill House Board, and suggested that Russell Price be named instead. The Meeting approved.

Anna Foster reported for the Sewing Committee that clothing has been sent to migrant workers.

Millicent Foster reported on advertisement against Nuclear Testing which Providence Peace and Social Concerns Committee had published in Providence Sunday Journal Second Month 16th. She expressed some disappointment regarding the reproduction itself, and thanked the Quarterly Meeting for its contribution of $100.00 towards this effort. There are some funds remaining which will be used in a future project.

The Reports of the Spiritual Condition of North Dartmouth, Providence and Westerly Meetings were read and the Clerk and Recording Clerk were instructed to make a condensation of these to be forwarded to Yearly Meeting.

The Vital Statistics of the three Meetings were also read and the Clerk was asked to also forward these to Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk read the Memorial to Philip Collins Gifford, which had been prepared and adopted by Providence Monthly Meeting. The silence, following this reading, was a testimonial in itself. Several members also added their personal appreciation for Philip Gifford's life. The Quarterly Meeting approved sending this Memorial to the Permanent Board of the Yearly Meeting with an expression of appreciation for its preparation.

The following were appointed representatives to Yearly Meeting: Dorothy G. Gifford, Sarah Gallagher, Ann Lowry, Edna G. Gifford, Millicent Foster and Jerome Haskins. Approval was given for Providence Monthly Meeting to appoint a representative from the Young Friends.

A Nominating Committee was appointed for the Quarterly Meeting and in-

structed to bring in a report at the Seventh Month Meeting. The Committee consists of Henry Foster, Convenor, Alice Gidley, Louisa White and William Foster.

The Meeting closed with the Clerk reading Queries 8 and 9, purposing to meet again on Seventh Month 19th at North Dartmouth, Mass.

After the Meeting a discussion was held on the Yearly Meeting Schools, a report of which was prepared by Gwen Halewood and forwarded to the Special Cooperating Committee for Study and Recommendations on the Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools.

Caroline Price

Submitted for the Recording Clerk, Russell Price
By Caroline Price

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in North Dartmouth, Mass. on Seventh Month 19th, 1958:

By accounts received from the Monthly Meetings representatives were as follows: from North Dartmouth, Harry Goodwin and Jeanne Wilbur; from Providence, Mary Flagg, Rudolph Metz, Caleb Smith and Caroline Price; and from Westerly, Alice Perry and Mary Damerel. All were in attendance except Rudolph Metz.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $331.20.

A letter was read by the Clerk from Helen Burgess and Ambrose Meyers concerning possible use of Quarterly Meeting funds for scholarship aid. After some discussion, including a suggestion by Jean Smith that such a fund might be designated a memorial to Philip Gifford, the following committee was appointed to consider the matter, and make a report as to the best way to handle it: Henry Foster, Mary Damerel and Ambrose Meyers. Jane Foster commented that it was a sign of a live and growing Society when we begin to take an interest in our children. Ann Lowry spoke of the current wave of interest in Friends' Schools, mentioning particularly a letter from Oakwood School. Grace Hardy commented that it was wisdom to have a Friend for the headmaster of our schools.

The Meeting instructed the Treasurer to forward $15.00 to the Yearly Meeting in response to a request for assistance in defraying expenses of a delegate to the Disarmament Conference held on Third Month 13th.

Henry Foster, for the Nominating Committee, reported the following slate of officers for the coming year: Irving Hardy, Clerk; Russell Price, Recording Clerk; and Sarah Gallagher, Treasurer. The Meeting approved these nominations.

The Yearly Meeting representatives gave a brief report, mentioning the following: that the Memorial to Philip Gifford had been suitable and beautiful; Miriam Jones had been appointed to the Friends Council on Education; Russell Brooks had reported on the Religious and Educational Conferences at Woolman Hill; George Bliss told of the Meeting School's first year of operation; and Willard Ware gave

an interesting and uplifting report of the School Committee's work. In answer to a question about the Beacon Hill House, Caleb Smith said it did not have strong leadership as yet, but was preparing for full operation. Caroline Price reminded the Meeting of the necessity for continued interest and participation in the affairs of our two local Friends' Schools.

Jean Smith read a call to a Meeting in Washington in Eighth Month for a PublicWitness for Peace which was an outgrowth of the Cape May Conference.

The Clerk urged us to write and telegraph the President concerning the Middle East situation.

The Meeting instructed the Clerk to send a night letter to the President stating that we do not approve of unilateral military intervention in this situation and expressing our hope that United Nation procedure be allowed to function.

Edward Manice, from New Haven, expressed appreciation for our hospitality.

We were grateful for the presence of Friends from Sandwich Quarter.

The Meeting expressed appreciation to the Gidley family for their hospitality to us.

The Meeting asked the Clerk to write to the Central Advisory Committee requesting that the question of time of appointment of the Quarterly Meeting representatives to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee be reviewed - suggesting that these representatives be appointed early enough to permit including their names in the Yearly Meeting Minutes.

After the reading of the First Query, the Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again on Tenth Month 18th at Saylesville, R. I.

Caroline Price

Submitted for the Recording Clerk, Russell Price
By Caroline Price

At R. I. Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Saylesville, R. I. on Tenth Month 18th, 1958;

By accounts received from the Monthly Meetings representatives were: from Providence, Harold Myers, Ruth White and Jerome Haskins; from Westerly, Harvey Perry and Marjorie Taylor; and from North Dartmouth, Ann Lowry.

Due to the absence of our Clerk, Irving Hardy, on a European trip, the Meeting appointed Caleb Smith Clerk for the Day.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

All the above named representatives were present except Harold Myers and Harvey Perry - their absence being accounted for.

The Treasurer, Sarah Gallagher, reported a balance on hand of $316.20.

Henry Foster, Chairman of the Committee on Scholarship Assistance, reported that the Committee had conferred, and ascertained that Quarterly Meeting income amounted to $75. a year from the $2500. Orthneil Tripp bequest. The Committee was in accord that not all of this should be designated for scholarship, suggesting $60. a year, with the Fund open to individual contributions. The Meeting asked the Committee to further explore ways and means of using the Fund and report at next Quarterly Meeting. It was also requested that the Trustees of the Tripp Fund review its investment towards a larger return. Friends interested in scholarship aid were encouraged to write suggestions to the Committee. The suggestion was made that the Quarterly Meeting Scholarship Fund and that of Providence Meeting should be related.

Appointments of Quarterly Meeting representatives to Yearly Meeting Committees were made as follows: to the Nominating Committee for 2 years - Marjorie Taylor; and to the Finance Committee for 2 years - John Kellam.

The Clerk read the response from the State Dept. to our night letter to President Eisenhower.

Ann Cool was named Young Friends Co-ordinator for the Quarterly Meeting.

Jerry Haskins was suggested for Program Committee for next Quarterly Meeting.

The Meeting was informed that the request for change in time of appointing Quarterly Meeting representatives to Y. M. Committees has been sent to the Central Advisory Committee.

Announcement was made of the 4th Annual Womens International League dinner Tenth Month 24, and a Woolman Hill Devotional Weekend Eleventh Month 7 - 9. Members were urged to attend.

Caleb Smith reported that Margaret Klintberg is now Resident Director of Beacon Hill Friends House, and is giving a degree of leadership and direction which was not present previously and we can expect more in the coming year.

Sarah Gallagher, Clerk of Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel Committee, recommended for that Committee that the meeting of Ministry and Counsel be announced as an open meeting for the consideration of any concerns brought to it; and that it be held following the Meeting for Worship at 11 A. M., with lunch at 1 P. M., Business Meeting at 2 P. M. and a program following as desired. The Meeting, recognizing the need for local Meetings to make their own determination, approved turning this suggestion over to Providence Monthly Meeting with an expression of sympathy for its trial at next

Quarterly Meeting.

The Central Advisory Committee will be notified by the Clerk of the necessity to carry our Quarterly Meeting schedule in the New England Friend, rather than a set time in the Y. M. Minutes. Also our concern will be conveyed to this Committee over the conflict in dates of Smithfield, Rhode Island and Salem Quarterly Meeting in Tenth Month.

Sarah Gallagher informed us of the existance and proceedure of the "Eye Bank" which arranges for eyes to be willed to the blind.

The Second and Third Queries were read by the Clerk.

Hurford Crosman, Executive Director of "Children to Palestine", gave us an inspiring presentation of his work in providing scholarships for Arab and Jewish children to study side by side in schools in Israel.

The Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again First Month 17th in Providence, R. I.

Caroline Price

Submitted for the Recording Clerk, Russell Price
By Caroline Price

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Providence, R. I. on First Month 17, 1959;

By accounts received from the Monthly Meetings representatives were: from Westerly, Thomas Perry; from Providence, Helen Gifford, Ruth White, Wm. Taber and Henry Foster; and from North Dartmouth, Alice Gidley.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved after one correction.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of $316.20. Payment of bills totalling $12.00 was approved by the Meeting.

Thomas Perry, Sr. reported that the trustees of the Tripp Fund feel that the Fund should be left in the savings bank at 3%, rather than be invested elsewhere at a higher rate of interest. Some disapproval was expressed, but the decision rests with the trustees.

Henry Foster reported for the Committee studying the Scholarship Fund question and the Committee's suggestions were approved as follows: That a Committee of three be appointed with a 3 year term for one, 2 year term for the second and 1 yearterm for the third, so as to provide continuity, with future 3 year terms for replacements; to administer a fund to be made up of $50.00 a year from the Tripp Fund income plus contributions from individuals. Scholarship grants are to be made at both secondary and college level in the form of either gifts or loans at the discretion of the Committee. The Nominating Committee was asked to bring in names for the Scholarship Committee.

The Ministry and Counsel report was given by Wm. Foster. In the hope that children be encouraged to attend Quarterly Meeting, a Committee has been appointed to arrange a strong and vital program. Also a concern having been expressed on the outward sacraments and the recording of ministers, everyone was asked to be thinking about these subjects with a view to discussion at next Quarterly Meeting. The Meeting approved the report.

The Clerk welcomed our visitors, who included our Field Secretary, Louis Marstaller the Clerk of the Y. M. School Committee, the Resident Directors of Woolman Hill and Beacon Hill Friends House, Willard Ware and members of Smithfield, Cambridge, New Haven and Allen's Neck Meetings. R. Brooks Margaret Kenteberg

Millicent Foster spoke of the proposed bill just presented to the R. I. Legislature advocating no discrimination in housing because of race, religion or country of ancestral origin. The Meeting instructed the Clerk to send a letter of indorsement of this bill to the proper officials.

The Nominating Committee was asked to bring in names at the next Meeting to fill the expiring terms on the Beacon Hill House Board of Managers.

Ministry and Counsel having appointed a Committee consisting of Jane Foster, Harold Myers and Jean Smith, to plan some joint activity with Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, the Meeting asked that this Committee consider something of the same nature with Smithfield Quarter.

In response to our concern over conflicting dates for Quarterly Meetings in the Yearly Meeting, our Yearly Meeting Field Secretary informed us that the Central Advisory Committee is preparing a Calendar to be presented at their meeting on Second Month 22nd.

Edward Manice announced that Friends literature was on sale in the Meeting House.

Wm. Taber announced that a Meeting for Worship would be held at Moses Brown School the following day.

The Meeting approved a $40.00 contribution to China Camp, to be sent to Myron Jenness.

Queries 4 and 5 were read by the Clerk.

The Meeting adjourned purposing to meet in Westerly, R. I. Fourth Month 21st.

Caroline Price
Submitted for the Recording Clerk
Russell Price,

by Caroline Price

The Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Westerly, Rhode Island, Fourth Month 18, 1959.

Representatives present were Alice Gidley from North Dartmouth; Henry Foster, Millicent Foster, and Frances Taber from Providence; Alice Perry and Katherine Viles from Westerly.

Millicent Foster was asked to serve as Clerk for the day, and William Taber was asked to serve as recording clerk for the day, as the regular clerks were unable to attend. Because the minutes of the previous meeting were not available, their reading will be postponed until our Quarterly Meeting in Seventh Month.

The committee on Quarterly Meeting arrangements reported on plans to cooperate with Smithfield and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings. Tentative arrangements have been made to hold a joint meeting with Sandwich Quarterly Meeting at Allen's Neck in 1960. A committee from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting is investigating the possibility of holding a similar joint meeting with us. This meeting approves this report and authorized the committee to continue its work.

The following report of the Treasurer has been read and approved:

Balance January, 1959		316.20
Interest	4.44	
		320.64
Expenditures as directed by Jan. Meeting:		
To Myron Jenness, for material for construction at China Camp:		40.00
For dinner of two Moses Brown students at Quarterly Meeting:		2.00
For speaker at January Meeting:		10.00
		52.00
Upon direction of the Meeting $50.00 is set aside as a Quarterly Meeting Scholarship Fund:		50.00
Available Balance:		218.64

The Nominating Committee suggests the names of Mary Demerel, Harry Goodwin, and Thyra Jane Foster to serve on the Quarterly Meeting Scholarship Committee. They are to serve for five years, or until successors have been appointed by the meeting.

Ministry and Counsel, as its report, read the following minute from its Tenth Month Meeting:

> This meeting recommends that the Meeting for Ministry and Counsel be announced as an open meeting, arranged for the benefit of all members for the consideration of all concerns to be brought before it; and further recommends that the Meeting for Worship be held at 11: A. M., to be followed by the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel, and that lunch be at 1:00 o'clock, followed by Business Meeting at 2:00 with program as desired.

We approve this suggestion, with the exception that the lunch

period should be longer than one hour.

The Nominating Committee suggests the appointment of Phebe Perry and Harold Myers to serve on the Board of Beacon Hill Friends House for one year. This meeting approves the appointments.

The meeting learned that the statistics of Quarterly Meeting are in hand to be sent to the Yearly Meeting, though they are not available to be read in this meeting. The meeting suggests that a summary of these statistics be read by the clerk at our next Quarterly Meeting.

The meeting also suggests that, hereafter, three forms for statistics be sent to each local meeting, so that both monthly and quarterly meetings may keep a record of statistics. The clerk is directed to send this request to the Yearly Meeting Office.

Reports on the spiritual conditions of Providence and North Dartmouth Meetings have been read. A member of Westerly Meeting reported that way did not open to write a report this year, as they felt that their report would be the same as in previous years. The clerk is directed to send a suitable summary of these reports for the Yearly Meeting.

The following minute from Providence Monthly Meeting about extra-budgetary appeals is directed to be sent to the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee:

> To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting:
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> Providence Monthly Meeting is concerned at the undermining of the orderly proceedures for the financing of Friends activities at the Yearly Meeting and Five Years Meeting level implicit in two recent appeals which have been circulated to Friends Meetings. While we believe that the purposes for which funds were requested are worthwhile we feel that appeals should not be made to constituent Meetings for contributions which are outside the budget but for committees or projects which fall within the budget's scope. This matter is of especial concern in view of the fact that both the Yearly Meeting and the Five Years Meeting are having great difficulty in raising their budgets. If contributions are diverted from the budget to these extra budgetary appeals the activities which the budget is called upon to support will not receive their allotment. The situation thus threatens the whole basis of our budgetary system.
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> We suggest to the Quarterly Meeting that it make a recommendation to the Yearly Meeting that no solicitation of funds outside the budget be allowed except with the consent of the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting.

Sarah Gallagher announced a meeting on penology to be held in the East Greenwich Parish House of St. Lukes Church on Tuesday, April 28, at 8: P. M. Miriam Van Walters, a pioneer in Christian Penology, will speak.

As representative to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee, for 1960 + 61 we appoint Caleb Smith.

As representative to the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee, for 1960 + 61 we appoint Thomas Perry.

As our ~~other~~ Yearly Meeting Representatives for 1959, we appoint five of the following Friends: Ralph Smith, Irving Hardy, Ann Lowry, Gertrude Hammond, Julianna Perry, Alice Gidley, Katherine Perry, Jean Smith, Helen Gifford, Natalie Howe. The clerk is directed to contact these Friends, choosing five who can serve, and listing the others as alternates.

As Young Friends Representatives to the Yearly Meeting, we appoint Joy Smith and Harry Smith.

The meeting directs the Quarterly Meeting Clerk to ask meetings to send suggestions for Yearly Meeting appointments by the First Month Quarterly Meeting next year.

As representatives to Junior Yearly Meeting, we appoint Seth Burgess and Jessie Smith.

As nominating committee for this Quarterly Meeting, we appoint Phebe Perry, William Foster, and Alice Gidley.

We then conclude, purposing to meetin again in Seventh Month at North Dartmouth.

Millicent Foster,
Clerk for the Day

William Taber,
Recording Clerk for the Day

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At R. I. Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in North Dartmouth, Mass. on Seventh Month 18th, 1959;

By accounts received from the Monthly Meetings representatives were: from Providence, Caroline Price and Edward White; from Westerly, Thomas Perry, Alice Perry and Phebe Perry; and from North Dartmouth, Harry Goodwin and Jean Wilbur. About 22 members were present.

The minutes of the two previous Meetings were read and approved after one correction in each.

Phebe Perry's report for the Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee presented the names of Irving Hardy for Clerk and Ruth White for Recording Clerk. The Meeting approved these selection.

A report of Yearly Meeting was given by two or our Y. M. representatives - Irving Hardy and Ann Lowry and by other attenders. Highlights being the two historic actions taken during the session, namely the setting up of a new Quarterly Meeting and the request for affiliation with Friends General Conference; the decision of the Young Friends that they want to meet with the adult Y. M. but with separate accomodations (which we were subsequently told would be possible when the Y. M. is held at Bowdoin College next year); the announcement that "Quakerama" will be repeated in celebration of our 300th anniversary; and the preparation of a Quaker history by Mary Hoxie Jones for which financial support has been pledged to insure publication; and appreciation expressed for the epistles received from all over the world. The Bible Half Hour was ably presented by Henry Cadbury with his usual excellence of wit as well as content.

Alice Howland Macomber, as proxy for Ernest Weed, extended an invitation to attend Sandwich Quarterly Meeting to be held 10th Month at Allen's Neck.

Donald MacLeod, Clerk of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, invited us to attend Sandwich Day Eighth Month 2nd at Sandwich, starting with a work project at 9 A. M. , Worship at 11 A. M., with three speakers in the afternoon - Moses Bailey, Earl Wilson and Herbert Huffman. Meetings will continue at Sandwich during Eighth Month.

Our visitors, Donald MacLeod, Alice Howland Macomber, Madeline and Audrey Chase and Ernest Weed were warmly welcomed.

A discussion was held with Donald MacLeod, exploring the possibility of a joint session of our respective Quarterly Meetings in the summer of 1960. If Sandwich Quarterly Meeting feels the feasability of meeting at Allen's Neck in Seventh Month 1960 we will try to meet with them.

Edward White suggested that our appreciation for the hospitality of the ladies of the Congregational Church for our luncheon be expressed to them by the ladies of North Dartmouth Meeting.

Thyra Jane Foster told us that Howard Brinton's talk at Y. M. had brought new thought of how people became Friends in the past - people already thinking along same lines being brought together - could be used to increase our membership today.
Sarah Gallagher gave the Treasurer's report of a balance on hand of $352.77 of which $50. is scholarship funds.

The Meeting approved Sarah Gallagher as Treasurer for the coming year, after it was disclosed that this was such an accepted fact that the Nominating Committee had forgotten to include her name in its report.

A $25. donation to the R. I. Council of Churches Migratory Workers Fund was approved by the Meeting.

Harry Goodwin and Thomas Perry, in answer to a question, said the Tripp Fund use is unrestricted, except for stress being laid on the kind of Friends who direct its use.

Query 8, on the Social Order and Query 9, on Race Telations were read by the Clerk.

The Meeting adjourned purposing to meet in Saylesville in next Tenth Month.

Caroline Price
Submitted for the Recording Clerk, Russell Price
By Caroline Price

At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Saylesville, Rhode Island, Tenth month, 17, 1959.

In the absence of Irving Hardy, Caleb Smith is appointed Clerk for the day.

Representatives appointed by the Monthly Meetings are: Westerly, Harvey and Julianna Perry; North Dartmouth, Myra K. Wilbur; Providence, Amy S. Hayden, Hazel Meyers, Caleb Smith, Ruth D. B. White. All are in attendance.

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting, held in the Seventh Month are read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer Sarah Gallagher, shows a balance of $327.77 of which $50. is set aside for the Quarterly Meeting Scholarship Fund, making an available balance of $277.77.

The question as to who is currently on the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee is raised. After consultation it is decided that, at the Fourth Month Quarterly Meeting, Thomas Perry was appointed to serve for two years (1959-1961) and that Caleb Smith was appointed to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee for the same term. Thus, Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting appointments now stand as follows:

To the Finance Committee:

John R. Kellam - 1 year (1959-1960)

Thomas Perry - 2 years (1959-1961)

To the Nominating Committee:

Marjorie B. Taylor - 1 year (1959-1960)

Caleb Smith - 2 years (1959-1961)

These terms of office began at the close of the 1959 sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

Joyce Smith is appointed as Young Friends Co-ordinator (or representative).

A previously appointed Committee, consisting of Jean Smith, Chairman, Hazel Meyers, Julianna Perry, Myra Wilbur, Thyra Jane Foster and Harold Myers is asked to plan the Quarterly Meeting program for First Month at Providence.

Thomas Perry reports that Mary Hoxie Jones has asked permission to use the records of the former New England Yearly Meeting, (held at Westerly) and its constituent meetings in preparing a history of New England Yearly Meeting. This permission is granted with the request that the records be returned in 18 months - that is, by Fourth month, 1961. They will be stored in the fireproof vault of Haverford College Library where the work will be done. Arrangement for the transportation of this trunk full of papers is left to the discretion of Thomas Perry. The question of whether or not, or where, to have them microfilmed, is left to another meeting.

Julianna Perry reports on the setting up of the Northwest Quarterly Meeting held at Woodstock, Vt. on Tenth month 3rd and 4th. About 150 persons attended. Most of the Meetings in this new quarter are in Vermont and are small and widely scattered, but the Meeting at Hanover, New Hampshire, is also included.

Edward Manice sent to the Clerk, names of Friends on the Membership list of New York Yearly Meeting, who are now residing in the Southern New England area. These names are read and members of Monthly Meetings near them will attempt to get in touch with them where feasible.

Lucy Bushnell and Elizabeth Morgan of New Bedford are introduced and welcomed.

The First and Second Queries are read.

Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet at Providence on First Month, 16, 1960.

Ruth D. B. White, Recording Clerk

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At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Providence, First Month 16, 1960

The following representatives had been appointed to the Quarterly Meeting: From North Dartmouth, Alice W. Gidley; from Westerly, Marjorie Taylor, and Phebe Perry; from Providence, J. Rudolph Metz, Mary Myers, Margaret G. Sisson and Helen Gifford.

Three of those from Providence were reported ill, one out of town. Other representatives were present.

Minutes of Tenth Month Meeting were read and accepted as corrected. There is no change since Tenth Month in the Treasurer's accounts.

Julianna Pery reported that she and Harvey Perry had taken the records of the former New England Yearly Meeting (held at Westerly) to the Haverford College Library. They are in the "treasure room" and are being used by Mary Hoxie Jones, Thomas Drake and others.

A joint committee appointed by Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, representating six monthly meetings, is proposing a joint meeting of the two Quarters, to be held at Apponegansett Meeting House, Seventh Month 9th. This would take the place of the regular Quarterly Meetings normally held near that date. Young Friends and the Junior Quarterly Meeting of Sandwich would meet at Smiths Neck, where there are more apporpriate facilities for their activities. It is anticipated that there will be a Meeting for Worship, a joint or separate business meeting and either lunch or supper. The committee is encouraged to work out the details. Philip Cornell and Louis Marstaller reported the approval by Sandwich Quarter.

Louis Marstaller gave a tentative report on the program of Yearly Meeting, which is to be held at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, Sixth Month 21 - 26.

He announced that Robert Mills, head of the Industrial Department of Friends' Africa Mission and his wife Carol, would speak at the morning meeting to be held at Cambridge Meeting House, Second Month, 22.

Five Years Meeting has asked for a display from New England Yearly Meeting of pictures of New Meeting Houses and additions or other signs of progress, rather than history. Maud Fowler is in charge of collecting these.

Satisfaction in the New England Friend as edited by Louis and Clarabel Marstaller was expressed.

The Meeting sent greetings to Elizabeth Foster, who has been ill.

The Third and Fourth Queries were read. After a brief period of worship, meeting adjourned to meet Fourth Month 16, 1960 at Westerly.

Dorothy J. Averill of Amesbury, a member of the Yearly Meeting Religious Education Committee, gave a lively and thought-provoking account of a Five Years Meeting Conference on "Leadership Training for Christian Education" which she had attended.

After supper Friends discussed "The Value of Intervisitation" and as a result, the Clerk was asked to appoint a committee to investigate the practicability of intervisitation within Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. Irving Hardy appointed the following: Hazel Meyers, Warren Howe, Phebe Perry, Myra Wilbur.

Ruth D. B. White

Ruth D. B. White, Recording Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, held 4th month, 1960. Because of circumstances at Westerly, this meeting was held in Providence.

Representatives appointed by the Monthly Meetings were: North Dartmouth, Ann G. Lowry; Westerly, Marjorie B. Taylor, Alice Perry (absent), Thomas Perry; Providence, Louisa White, J. Rudolph Metz, Henry C. Foster. All but one were present.

The treasurer reported no change in the accounts.

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of 1st month 16th, were read and accepted.

Jeanette Smith reported plans for the joint Quarterly Meetings of Sandwich and Rhode Island to be held at Apponegansett Meeting House, 7th month 9th. It was approved that a joint business meeting be held in the afternoon, with Clerks from both Quarterly Meetings recording minutes for their respective Meetings.

It was approved that the expense for cold drinks to be served at Apponegansett in 7th month be taken from the Quarterly Meeting treasury. Directions for reaching the Meeting House are to be mailed.

Reports on the spiritual condition of the component Meetings were read and approved. There was special approval of the phrase "We shall reap if we faint not".

The following were suggested as representatives to Yearly Meeting in June, 1960: Young Friends - Carol Perry, Susan Kellam, Edward Burgess, Pamela Halewood, Joyce Smith, Margaret Cool, K. B. White 11; Juniors - Wendy Kellam, Jessie Smith, Jay Smith, Seth Burgess; Adults - Jeanette A. Smith, J. Rudolph Metz, Ann G. Lowry, Thomas Perry, Harold W. Myers, Julianna R. Perry.

The Nominating Committee was asked to check as to the availability of the Young Friends and Juniors and to add the names of others who may be able to attend.

The following appointments to the Board of Directors of Beacon Hill Friends House: For one year: Phebe F. Perry, Harold W. Myers; For two years: Ann G. Lowry, J. Russell Price.

The Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee was approved as follows: John R. Kellam, Thomas Perry, Jr., Louisa White, Henry C. Foster. The committee is asked, in addition to the above mentioned duty, to bring in names in 7th month, for Clerk, Recording Clerk and Treasurer, and one name each for the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee and the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee. These committee appointments are for two years duration, beginning after Yearly Meeting, 1960.

It is approved, that after 1960, the Nominating Committee be appointed at 1st month Quarterly Meeting, to bring in names in Fourth month, for positions and terms of service as follows:

1- Yearly Meeting representatives to attend adult, junior and senior Yearly Meetings in the current year (or in June of the year they are appointed).

2- Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee, Yearly Meeting Finance Committee. One name for each committee for a 2 year term, beginning after Yearly Meeting in the current year. (The Yearly Meeting Minutes indicate that the term begins in "the Fall").

3- Clerk, Recording Clerk and Treasurer for Quarterly Meeting, for one year term, to begin following the 7th month Quarterly Meeting. (This term was not specifically mentioned, but at least last year it began after 7th month).

4- Board of Directors of Beacon Hill Friends House. Two names each year to serve for a 2 year term, beginning the first of 6th month.

Hazel Meyers reported for the Committee on Intervisitation, which was appointed in First month. It was suggested that each Monthly Meeting appoint a Committee on Intervisitation, and that a copy of the Quarterly Meeting Committee report, be sent to each Monthly Meeting Clerk.

Robert Cool invited Friends to attend Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, to be held in Worcester, 4th month 23rd. It is expected that K. Brooke Anderson and Patricia Naeye will speak in the evening.

It was approved that $50. be sent to the N. E. Y. M. Quaker Men, from the Quarterly Meeting treasury, to be used in the farm program of Friends Africa Mission in Kenya.

A letter from a Committee appointed at last Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, expressing interest in encouraging preparation for Ministry among Friends, was read and discussed.

Edward A. Manice, Yearly Meeting Recorder, has asked that a Recorder be appointed by the Quarterly Meeting to help augment the statistical information which Y. M. would like to receive concerning its members. Henry C. Foster is approved for this post. Due to lack of unity in regard to the publication of a Yearly Meeting Directory, which would include names and addresses of all members, Edward Manice is to be informed that R. I. Quarterly Meeting cannot co-operate in this venture at present.

We record with appreciation, the presence of Grace P. Atkins, Annie S. Dernier, Melita B. Fisher and Louis B. Marstaller.

The 5th and 6th Queries were read and after a silence, the Meeting adjourned to meet at Apponegansett, 7th month 9th.

Ruth D. B. White

Ruth D. B. White, Recording Clerk

At the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held Seventh Month, 9th at Apponagansett Meeting House, Dartmouth, Mass. in conjunction with Sandwich Quarterly Meeting:

Excerpts from the Minutes of Fourth Month, 16th were read and accepted.

Representatives were present as follows: From North Dartmouth, Marion B. Goodwin; from Westerly, Harvey and Julianna Perry; from Providence, Grace Hardy, Millicent Foster, John Kellam, Caleb Smith.

The Nominating Committee proposed the following:

Clerk - Irving R. Hardy
Recording Clerk - Caroline A. Price
Treasurer - Sarah N. Gallagher

Representatives to Yearly Meeting 1960 - 1962

Nominating Committee - Louisa White
Finance Committee - John R. Kellam

These were approved.

A large group met for worship at 11 A. M. Box lunches were taken over to Smiths Neck Meeting House, where hot and cold beverages were served.

Young Friends and Juniors stayed at Smiths Neck for an afternoon meeting while the Quarterly Meeting convened at Apponagansett. They later joined the adults and presented the following report:

"To Sandwich and Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings of Friends, Greetings. There are 22 members and friends present at Junior Quarterly Meeting. New officers appointed were:

Clerk - Susan Gifford
Assistant Clerk - Jane Stevens
Treasurer - India Stevens

Having $13.00 in the treasury, we are sending $10.00 to the Wegesa Youth Fund to bring Benjamin to the United States during the summer of 1961. Junior Quarterly Meeting is happy to be joined with the adult group in its initial intervisitation day.

Susan Gifford, Clerk"

A collection ($57.76) was taken to defray the expenses of the day. Any remainder goes to the upkeep of the old Apponagansett Meeting House.

Yearly Meeting reports were made by the following: Ernest Weed (S. Sandwich) described the setting, Bowdoin College. Gordon Brown (Sandwich) "Treatment of Offenders". Thyra Jane Foster (Prov. R. I.) "Friends Schools and Institutions" (Beacon Hill Friends House, Meeting School, Woolman Hill, Oak Grove School, Lincoln School, Moses Brown School). Caleb Smith (Prov. R. I.) "The Boarding Department, Moses Brown School". (Copies of a report of the Boarding Department Committee are available from Willard Ware.) Frank J. Lepreau (Sandwich)"Financial Support for Lincoln and Moses Brown Schools". Harry Allen (Sandwich) "Some Questions Raised at Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. Jean Smith (Providence) "Worship Services". James Wild (Salem)"Worship Fellowship group." Earl Wilson "Summary".

The presence of the Rev. John and Rachel Mostrom Chappell, recently returned from Taiwan, was noted and many other Friends not specifically named.

Queries 7 and 8 were read.

Adjourned to meet at Saylesville, Tenth Month 15th.

Ruth D. B. White

Ruth D. B. White, Recording Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held Tenth Month Fifteenth, 1960 at Saylesville, Rhode Island:

Representatives are present as follows: Dartmouth, Anne G. Lowry and Alice W. Gidley; Westerly, Alice Perry and Marjorie Taylor; and Providence, Gwendolyn Halewood, Hazel Meyers, Irving Hardy and Thyra Jane Foster.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. There is available a balance of $364.47. We are agreed to set aside $50.00 each year for the Scholarship Fund. We will make our fund available to Providence or other meetings in the Quarter for this year, upon request.

Millicent Foster has presented the concern of Providence Friends on the Peace Testimony, and their planned activity as a prelude to the program which we have later in the afternoon. $100.00 is set aside for expenses, to be called on by representatives who will go to Washington, D. C. or the United Nations, in the interest of peace on Nov. 12th to 14th. Application should be made to the Clerk, and should come through the Monthly Meeting's Peace Committee.

The 9th and 10th Queries were read.

The meeting is adjourned to meet again with God's help, in Providence, First Month, 1961.

Thyra Jane Foster

Thyra Jane Foster, Clerk for the day

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held Fourth Month 15th, 1961 at Providence, R. I. (in place of Westerly as regularly scheduled)

Representatives were present as follows: Providence, Henry Foster, Caroline Price, Helen Gifford and Leo Cole; Westerly, Burton and Alice Wills and Alice Perry; North Dartmouth, Harry Goodwin and Alice Gidley.

It was noted that the First Month Meeting was ommitted because of snow, although Louis Marstaller came to R. I. expecting to attend.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Not having met in First Month the Nominating Committee, consisting of Thyra Jane Foster, Amy Hayden, Mary Demerel and Alice Gidley, withdrew from the Meeting and came back with the following recommendations which the Meeting accepted:

For Yearly Meeting Representatives: Henry Foster, John Kellam, Thomas Perry, Sr. and Ruth White; Juliana Perry as Alternate.

For Junior and Senior Young Friends: all who attend.

For the Nominating Committee (2 yr. term beginning after Y. M. 1961): Amy Hayden
For the Finance Committee (2 yr. term beginning after Y. M. 1961): Thomas Perry, Sr.
Beacon Hill House Board of Directors,(for 2 yrs.): Harold Myers and Phebe Perry

The need to decide our Quarterly Meeting schedule to allow for its inclusion in the Y. M. Minutes brought forth a tentative starting time of 10:30, with Business Meeting at 1:30 and lunch between. This information was to be held pending insertion of names of Clerks for the coming year.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. There is a balance of $314.47, $150. of which is ear-marked for the Scholarship Fund.

The Ministry and Counsel Committee recommended that prepared queries be put in the hands of Meeting members to prepare for discussion at Y. M. of "New Dimensions in Ministry Among Friends Today".

The Meeting approved the Scholarship Committee's request for the use of $100. for a Providence Meeting child in elementary school.

The reports of the spiritual condition of Providence and Westerly Meetings were read by the Clerk and accepted by the Meeting, to be condensed by the Clerk and forwarded to Y. M.

Ruth White reported on the N. E. Friends' Home's Development Drive. To date 117 responses from 17 Meetings had brought in $41,050. Open house at the Home was well attended, with about 80 persons there on Sat. and 50 to 60 on Sun. Edward White gave us a word picture of the lovely premises. The Home is also expected to be available for small conferences and overnight accomodations. Admission blanks are available.

The Meeting adjourned until conclusion of a most interesting talk by Robert Cunningham, Headmaster of Moses Brown School, on his visit to Russia, the previous summer.

A minute of appreciation was extended to Ed and Ruth White for our delicious

lunch.

The Meeting noted with pleasure the presence of guests; from Sandwich Meeting, Florence Carr, May Petty, Evelyn Weston, Gordon Browne and Paul Mangelsdorf; and from Smithfield Meeting, Doris Mowry and Melita Fisher.

A joint meeting for 10th Month with either Sandwich or Smithfield Meeting is to be considered.

The Meeting adjourned to meet in Seventh Month in North Dartmouth.

Caroline Price

Caroline Price, Recording Clerk

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R.I. Quarterly Meeting of Friends was held 7th Month 15th,1961 at Westerly, R.I. by arrangement with North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting.

Representatives were present as follows: From North Dartmouth, Priscilla Carter and Beverly Lane; from Westerly, Eva L. Foster and Mary Damerel; and from Providence, Millicent Foster, Ambrose Meyers, Margellan Fichtor, John Kellam and Louisa White.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Henry Foster reported that all Representatives to Yearly Meeting had attended at least part of the sessions.

The meeting was informed that a suggestion had originated in the Representatives' Meeting at Yearly Meeting that a Nominating Committee be appointed from their body to find a nominee for Clerk during the year, to be acted upon by the following year's Representatives

John Kellam, one of our Yearly Meeting Representatives, reported on four highlights of the session.

1- The Historic Exhibit, commemorating our 300th Anniversary was very fine, having been done in an almost professional manner.
2- The production of Quakerama, "The Business of Our Lives", was highly successful, being spiritually rewarding as well as great fun.
3- An added investment of $300,000. has been made for modernization of Moses Brown School, which has also increased our sense of another kind of responsibility in the school.
4- The re-location of the New England Friends Home in Hingham, Mass

Caleb Smith reported that under the committee organization set-up at Yearly Meeting, The Nominating Committee has been requested to complete its work before the Yearly Meeting Session. Also that Departments will have oversight of various committees in four general areas and reporting at Yearly Meeting will be through each Department; one of which will report in considerable depth each year and will orient Yearly Meeting discussions to that field.

Caleb also told the Meeting that China Camp has purchased additional land and has drilled a new well.

Louis Marstaller urged all to procure as " a gold mine of information", a copy of Mary Hoxie Jones' book "The Standard of the Lord Lifted Up", written to commemorate our 300th Anniversary. Jane Foster read a pertinent excerpt from it.

Amy Hayden expressed pleasure at the presence, at Yearly Meeting, of a delegation from Portsmouth Meeting.

Julianna Perry requested and was granted permission for the records of the former New England Yearly Meeting to be left at Haverford College for another year as Mary Hoxie Jones is expected to continue her writing using these records in her research.

Edward White, a member of the Executive Committee and of the School Trustees, told us that Willard Ware, Chairman of the School Committee, had requested all its members to bring their respective Meetings a report of what is going on in the schools. The $300,000. of Yearly Meeting funds will provide the first step in the form of a new class room building. The Development Committee has hired a fund raiser to make possible further steps. Ed stated that although only 4% of the student body are Quakers, the Trustees feel that a definite contribution is made by the Society of Friends. He also reported a small increase of Friends on the teaching staff. The Headmaster has taken steps towards increasing the number of Quaker boarding students.

Henry Foster said that question bothering a great many people in New England Yearly Meeting is why do most of our children go outside New England to attend a Quaker school. Ed White stated that no Quaker child has been turned down because of lack of tuition but some because of lack of scholastic ability.

The Meeting was asked to minute a suggestion by Jane Foster that the School Committee provide a question period for all Quarterly Meetings on the matter of Friends' School Policies.

The Yearly Meeting Epistle was read by the Clerk.

A Committee consisting of T. Jane Foster and Caleb Smith was appointed to look into a concern of Caleb's as to availability of Friend's Journals in the Providence area.

The concern of Arnold Look, China Camp Director, that the children of the Committe for Non-Violent Action group at the Polaris Protest site be given the opportunity of attending China Camp was implemented by the Meeting granting $36. for a scholarship for the Swann girl of the proper age.

The Treasurer reported a balance of $312.54 which is actually a working balance of $212.54, allowing for earmarked funds for Scholarships.

The Nominating Committee brought in the following names which the Meeting approved for the coming year;

Edward White, Clerk
Polly Fuller, Recording Clerk
Sally Gallagher, Treasurer

A minute of appreciation for the retiring clerks was recorded.

Phebe Perry announced that the Committee to revise the Discipline would meet in the fall, and any suggested changes should be sent to anyone on the Committee which consists of herself, George Sellick, Ed Manice, Millicent Foster and Thomas Perry. Ruth White expressed the opinion that the Yearly Meeting has gotten pretty far away from our testimony of temperance. Pat Smith spoke against smoking from the health standpoint.

The minute prepared for Caleb Smith's trip to East Africa Yearly Meeting and Southern Rhodesia, by the Providence Monthly Meeting, was endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting.

Endorsement was also given to a minute for Harvey and Julianna Perry from Westerly Meeting to East Africa and Southern Africa Yearly Meeting.

Kenneth Meister, a visitor from the Polaris Action group at New London, gave us the background of this project of the CNVA, and reminded us of our historical tradition of civil disobedience. He mentioned the need for financial help.

Ed Manice reported that Yearly Meeting had had a fine worship sessions, a wonderful feeling of unity in all sessions, and had been blessed with visiting Friends.

He extended an invitation to his Quarterly Meeting session at Guilford, Conn. 8th Month 5th and 6th.

Ministry and Counsel recommended that if aggreeable to Smithfield Quarterly Meeting we would like to hold a joint session with them in 10th Month. The Following Committee was appointed with authority to make arrangements; Ruth White, T. Jane Foster, Caroline Price and Alice Perry.

Louis Marstaller, our Field Secretary, said there were applications available for the next sessions of China Camp. He also read a letter from George Buffam announcing a Meeting at Little Compton in 8th Month.

T. Jane Foster urged us to write our Congressmen in support of Senate Bill S 2180 and House Bill H. R. 7936, to implement the President's request for a step-up of his Disarmament Study. She also stated that we should read the Friends' Committee on National Legislation Bulletin.

The Meeting approved Sarah Gallagher's request, a $25. contribution for the R.I. Committee on Missions to Migrants, and additional $25. for the director's work, with the understanding that the second contribution will not necessarily be repeated next year.

Louisa White spoke of the necessity to consider requests for contributions before the time of Meeting and the Clerk and Treasurer were asked by the Meeting to act as a screening Committee for such requests.

John Kellam urged participation by individuals in letters to the President on equality ofopportunity in housing.

After the reading of Queries 1 and 2, the Meeting adjourned to meet in 10th Month, at a place to be specified.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Price
Caroline Price, Recording Clerk
(copied by Polly Fuller)

At R.I. Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held in Woonsocket with the Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, Tenth Month 21st 1961.

After a period of worship, the minutes of both Quarterly Meetings were read by recording clerks Polly Fuller of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and Eunice Strobel of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting and approved by the representatives from both meetings. By accounts from the Monthly Meetings, the names of the representatives were; from Providence, Sally Gallagher, Ruth White, T. Jane Foster, and Ralph Smith. From N. Dartmouth; Alice Gidley and Harry Goodwin. From Westerly; Pat Smith. All were present.

A moment of silent remembrance was observed for a member of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, Russell J. Jones.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. There is an available balance of $176.54 on hand which does not include $50. reserved in a Scholarship Fund.

Caleb Smith reported on his visit to East Africa where he visited two Quarterly Meetings and individual friends.

T. Jane Foster mentioned several pamphlets by the Friends' Committee on National Legislation and offered them to the Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.

Joseph Vlaskamp, Asst. Secretary of the Friend' General Conference brought religious education bulletins, and information about Friends' General Conference which he offered to the Meeting.

Jeanette Smith read a post card from the the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, urging everyone to write to the President and our representatives giving endorsement to a current proposal for solution to the Berlin crisis which consists of setting up an atom-free de-militarized zone.

Patricia Smith spoke about the Committee for Non-Violent Action and offered information about the Eleventh Month protest to be held by the Women's Direct Action Committee. She also spoke about local action against Civil Defense activities.

Concerning direct action, Millicent Foster felt that we should direct our efforts to affect legislation on the possible increased manufacture of nuclear weapons.

Caleb Smith suggested that a Committee of Protest be formed to write letters to Senator Pastore and other representatives. Millicent Foster and Ann de Nevers from Smithfield Meeting were appointed to write these letters, Jeanette Smith suggested that the W.I.L.P.F. 's request for letters about a de-militarized zone be included in these communications.

Edward Manice spoke about the United Nations and a forthcoming Friends' General Conference at Earlham College, Tenth Month 28th, 1961 on World Order. This year money sent by Friends to the United Nations should be earmarked for the Children's Emergency Fund or Technical Assistance. It is not necessary for the donor to identify himself as a Quaker.

The Development Committee of the Moses Brown School has been very active. $250,000. - $300,000. need to be raised. A playfield is to be made into a football field by a Providence contractor, a Mr. Camponella, who wishes to have the field dedicated to the memory of his wife and who is going to do the job at a saving of about $25,000. to the Yearly Meeting. The Building Committee is studying some ideas for a newtype of school building with a view to getting a grant from the Ford Foundation.

F. Warren Howe, Treasurer pfthe Yearly Meeting, gave a report on finances. The 1961-62 Yearly Meeting budget is for $24,000. A total of $29,000 had originally been requested by various Yearly Meeting Committees, plus an additional $2,000. for Youth Work. Yearly Meeting needs $10. per capita. A suggestion has been made that money might be collected from Quarterly Meetings instead of from monthly meetings. He asked that those present take literature about Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools where the Yearly Meeting will be held in 1962. He said Moses Brown School was originally a Friends School, attended from the beginning by some students who were not Friends. Friends in Monthly Meetings everywhere are urged to send their children to Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools to increase attendance of Quakers at these schools.

After a period of worship, the meeting adjourned to meet in Providence next First Month.

Caleb Smith then showed slides of the Friends' World Committee meeting at Kaimosi, Kenya, and of EastAfrica Yearly Meeting, which contains some 31,000 members and it the largest Friends' Meeting in the world.

Edward White, Clerk

Polly Fuller

Polly S. Fuller, Recording Clerk

At Providence, Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met First Month 20th, 1962.

After a period of worship, the minutes were read and approved. By accounts from the Monthly Meetings the following representatives were present: From Westerly, Thomas Perry, Marjorie Taylor, and Patricia Smith; From N. Dartmouth, none; From Providence, Caroline Price, Donald Gates, Warren Howe, and William Foster.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. The available balance is $126. 54 which does not include $100. reserved in the Scholarship Fund.

Millicent Foster said two letters were sent by the Committee of Protest as requested by the Quarterly Meeting last Tenth Month.

Caleb Smith requested a joint Quarterly Meeting with Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, Earnest Weed from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was present. Louis Marstaller said they would want to have it at Smith's Neck.

A report from the Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel by Ruth White was given about a pamphlet "How to Become a Religious Member of the Society of Friends". Caleb Smith said this should be sent to the Central Advisory Committee for revisionaccording to the N.E. Yearly Meeting before proceeding to publication. This was approved by the Quarterly Meeting.

An inquiry by letter was read (which was directed to Robert Cool) about Quaker burial grounds and internment of remains of a relative of the writer. The letter was referred to Marjory Taylor for further information about the Perryville Cemetery and response to the letter.

Caleb Smith reported on an investigation of files of the library.

The Peace and Social Concerns of the New England Yearly Meeting presented a statement which originated in the Dover Monthly Meeting and which was approved by their Quarterly Meeting. It stated that Friends should not voluntarily sell land to the government for missile sites, or co-operate with the shelter program.

Edward White reported on Moses Brown's football field which is now ready for the final grading. Plans are for a new building near Alumni Hall which is to house the entire upper school. The Fund Drive is ready to commence.

Patricia Smith inquired about getting Quaker students and teachers at Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools. Edward White replied that Robert Cunningham has written letters inviting Quaker teachers. He also said that these teachers want higher salaries and better living quarters than are presently available.

Frank Le Pra is scheduled to speak to Quarterly Meeting tonight after supper.

Earnest Weed spoke about Beacon Hill Friend's House in Boston which welcomes young people who are Friends and who are coming to Boston to study and work.

Pat Smith spoke of her concern that Friends attend the vigil at the White House the last weekend in April.

Caroline Price said there is a film which can be obtained through the A.F.S.C. which is called "Which Way the Wind" and which could be shown in local communities.

The Clerk read Query One and the meetingwas adjourned.

Polly Fuller

Edward White, Clerk

Polly Fuller, Recording Clerk

At N. Dartmouth, Quarterly Meeting was held Fourth Month 21st, 1962.

After a period of worship the meeting appointed T. Jane Foster, Clerk for the day in the absence of Edward White. Representatives were present as follows: From Westerly, Marjory Taylor and Polly Fuller; From North Darmouth, Ann G. Lowry and Helen Downer; From Providence: Henry Foster, T. Jane Foster, Sarah Gallagher Russell Price.

The Treasurer reported a balance of $254.91 of which $100 is reserved for a scholarship fund

Sally Gallagher read a letter from the Rhode Island State Council of Churches which contained a check for $25., a gift from this Quarterly Meeting towrd the salary of Mrs. Ekstrom to help her continue her work with migrant workers. Since she was retiring from her positon with the Rhode Island Council, owing to insufficient funds for this work, the check which had been earmarked for for this specific purpose was returned to this meeting. The writer of the letter requested the contribution for the general work of the migrant ministry. Sally Gallagher said that Mrs Ecstrom is now working for Migrants under the Mass. [illegible] Council of Churches, operating a Recreation Unit called Harvester which visits migrants. Funds may be needed in Seventh Month. Sally Gallagher will make a report then.

The Yearly Meeting appointments were as follows: John Kellam's appointment which expires June 1962 was re-approved for Finance Committee. Louisa White's appointment to Nominating Committee expires in June 1962. Jeanette Smith's name was offered as a replacement.

The Yearly Meeting Representatives were appointed as follows: Polly Fuller, Priscilla Carter, Louisa White. Junior Representatives named were: Thomas Perry, [illegible] Jr., Pamela Halewood, and Susan Kellam.

Statistical reports were read by the Clerk. Inquiry was made about the reasons for young peoplegoing to other denominations.

Reports about thespiritual condition of the meetings were read from N. Dartmouth and Providence which were to be condensed and sent to Yearly Meeting.

Herbert Stevens representing Smith's Neck Meeting said that the next Quarterly Meeting would be held there with Ministry and Council at 10;00 and Business Meeting at 1;30.

There was a report on the Boston Witness for Peace by Caroline Price. She said 200 Friends and others came during the day.

The Clerk asked for the nominating committee to appoint clerks for Quarterly Meeting and report at the next Quarterly Meeting. Marion Goodwin, Alice Gidley and Sarah Gallagher were appointed to the nominating committee.

The Clerk read the second query and the meeting was adjourned.

Polly Fuller

Polly Fuller, Recording Clerk

At Westerly, R.I. Quarterly Meeting met Seventh Month 21st.

After a period of worship, the minutes were read and approved. By accounts from the monthly meetings the following representatives were present: From N. Dartmouth, Marion Goodwin; from Westerly, Patricia Smith; from Providence, William Halewood, T. Jane Foster, Carol Z. Kellam, William O. Foster.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. The available balance is $154.91 which does not include the $100. reserved in the Scholarship Fund.

The Nominating Committee proposed the folowing:
Edward White, Clerk
Caroline Price, Ass't Clerk
Henry Foster, Treasurer

Patricia Smith spoke about her impressions of Yearly Meeting. She said that young people are confused about the Peace Movement, and do not understand the theory or non-violence.

T. Jane Foster said that they were preliminary discussions to find out what the younger Friends were thinking about. Thomas Perry thought that the young people were pleasingly frank. Millicent Foster agreed that young Friends should be informed in a direct manner about Friends' traditional beliefs.

There was general approval of the facilities at Pembroke where Yearly Meeting was held.
Caleb Smith ssaid that Worship Fellowship groups will be used again.

The Meeting approved the appointment of two members of the Interim Committee of Ministry and Council. They are Ruth White and Marjory Taylor.

The Meeting approved a gift of $25. toward the salary of the Director of Migrant Ministry, Mr. Johnson who replaced Mrs. Ecstrom, the former Director.

Thomas Perry suggested that Quarterly Meeting become semi- annual with the Fourth Month meeting at Providence and the Tenth Month meeting at Westerly. It was suggested that letters be written to all the monthly meetings asking how they feel about this.

The study of the new Discipline was recommended. The meeting is asked to send comments and recommendations to George Selleck.

The Meeting approved sending a note to Phebe Perry saying that we miss her.

Quarterly Meeting approved the gift of $100. in the Scholarship Fund to James Toothaker who is trying to continue his education so that he can equip himself to be of service in furthering the work of the Society of Friends. The committee designated to handle this are: Jean Smith, Marion Goodwin, Thomas Perry and Henry Foster.

John Kellam asked to be released from his appointment to the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee. William Foster as appointed by the Quarterly Meeting instead.

Meeting was adjourned to meet in Salesville on Tenth Month.

Polly Fuller

Polly Fuller, Recording Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held Tenth Month 20th, 1962 at Saylesville, R. I. :

Representatives were present as follows:

From North Dartmouth, Harry Goodwin; from Westerly, Patricia Smith; and from Providence, Sarah Gallagher, Elizabeth Gifford, Ambrose Meyers, William Foster and Grace Hardy. Polly Fuller from Westerly was the only Representative not attending.

In the absence of the Clerk, Edward White, and at his written suggestion, Irving Hardy was approved by the Meeting as Clerk for the Day.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved after one correction.

The Clerk read a letter from James Toothaker expressing appreciation for the assistance and encouragement which he has received from the Meeting. Jeannette Smith spoke of a continuing concern for the Toothaker family; asking that the Meeting keep them on their hearts. Jeannette has writtrn to the Pope Fund for possible assistance also.

The Treasurer, Henry Foster, reported a balance on hand of $231.34; $375. having been sent as Scholarship aid to James Toothaker - $100. from the Quarterly Meeting Fund and $275. received from direct contributions.

A communication from the North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting concerning their feelings on a suggested change in the scheduling of Quarterly Meetings was read. In the absence of any report from the other two Monthly Meetings, the Meeting approved holding the matter over, to be discussed at our next Meeting in Providence in First Month.

A brief discussion of the controversy over prayer in the public schools resulted from Patricia Smith's voiced consern over the matter.

Ernest Weed, in checking the names of the Representatives to the Beacon Hill Friends House Board of Directors, pointed out the fact that the Meeting had either neglected to appoint or to record two appointees for 1962 and 1963. The Meeting approved asking Julianna Perry and Russell Price, presently on the Board, to continue for another term; along with Harold Myers and Phebe Perry who were appointed in 1961 for two years.

Louis Marstaller, visiting our Meeting, brought with him copies of the proposed revision of Faith and Practice and expressed the hope that the Meeting members would study its contents and give approval or suggest changes. He also made the following announcements:

Eleventh Month 10th will be N.E.Y.M. Committee Day in Cambridge. Visitation would be welcomed at N. E. Friends Home.
There will be a Young Friends Conference at Woolman Hill during Christmas vacation, at which the attendance of College age Young Friends would be very helpful in lieu of a Youth Worker whose services are urgently needed by N.E,Y.M.

Patricia Smith spoke of the difficulties which she and a small group of Friends in the New London area are encountering in trying to form a new Meeting and was encouraged by several Friends to "stick with it"; it being a difficult and slow-moving undertaking. Eugene Coffin, new Secretary of the Five Years Meeting Committee on Evangelism and Extension was mentioned as a source of help. He is a

former Pastor of a Friends' Church in California (now on the Five Years Meeting staff) who is able to bring a message to both pastoral and unprogrammed Meetings, feeling that all methods of contact must have the Spirit behind them.

T. Jane Foster announced the proposed celebration of the 20th year of the FCNL, to be observed in New Eleventh Month 3-9, 1963; which gives ample time to work out a program to replenish the reserve fund built up by the 10th anniversary dinners.

Tom Bodine, new Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, told of the Friends World Conference Pilgramage to England next Seventh Month 15 to Ninth Month 15, for 11th and 12th grade students. Only 14 Young Friends will be selected and Twelfth Month 3 is the deadline for applying; cost being $700. per person.

The Meeting asked that the Quarterly Meeting Clerk write each Quarterly Meeting at a reasonable time before each Quarterly Meeting, asking what program is being planned and thereby reminding each host Meeting that it is in charge of its own program.

Grace Hardy spoke of the encouragement that she and Irving Hardy received from attending an Episcopal conference and learning how hard others work on Committees also.

The Meeting closed with the Clerk reading the second Query; purposing to meet again First Month 19th, 1963 in Providence.

Caroline Price
Recording Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held First Month 19, 1963 at Providence, R. I. the following appointed representatives were present: from Providence, Helen B. Burgess, Sarah N. Gallagher, T. Jane Foster, Ambrose W. Meyers and Henry C. Foster; from Westerly, Mary Damerel. (Alice Perry being unable to attend). North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting sent a communication stating that no representatives had been appointed, because distance and probable unfavorable weather would prevent attendance.

The Clerk, Edward White, read the minutes of the previous Meeting, which were approved after one correction.

The Meeting appointed the following Nominating Committee to bring in names for the Quarterly Meeting Clerk, Recording Clerk and Treasurer, and Representatives to the Yearly Meeting Finance and Nominating Committees: Helen Burgess, Ambrose Meyers, Mary Myers and Mary Damerel.

T. Jane Foster spoke of the 20th Anniversary of the FCNL which is to be celebrated this year. Franklin and Ruth Pineo have accepted appointment for this work. T. Jane Foster asked us to consider more contributions to the FCNL and subscriptions to its Newsletter, because of increased demands on the Committee; stating that only 24 members of the Quarterly Meeting are presently subscribers; and reminding us that historically Friends have been a pressure group, as early as 1689 in England. $17,000. of the FCNL budget for this year is still to be raised. One phase of outreach should extend to government, and Byron Johnson, who spoke to Providence Monthly Meeting last year, was quoted as saying that political activity was definately not un-American and is the number one problem of our age. A good factual article on the FCNL has been published in the Catholic paper, "Amer-

ica". Patricia Smith volunteered to take an FCNL information kit to Westerly Meeting and one will be sent to North Dartmouth Meeting.

Ernest Weed attended our Quarterly Meeting and spoke in behalf of a possible visit from David Stanfield on "Stewardship", during the week of Third Month 12th. Providence Meeting Finance Committee will take note, and make arrangements if possible.

We were also pleased to have Louis Marstaller, our Field Secretary, present, who spoke to us briefly of the good attendance and spirit at the Young Friends Conference at Woolamn Hill during the Christmas vacation. He expressed the hope that the Quarterly Meeting would encourage Young Friends in their programs, one of which may be a Newsletter with which the Yearly Meeting will co-operate.

Patricia Smith asked whether it would be proper to notify Middletown Monthly Meeting and Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting of the existance of a new group holding Meetings for Worship in New London. The Meeting felt this would be acceptable proceedure.

The Treasurer, Henry Foster, reported an additional $20.00 contribution to the James Toothaker Scholarship Fund, with no other change from last quarter's report - a balance of $231.34. Mary Damerel asked about addition of funds from Orthneil Tripp Fund and was informed that now is the time for their transfer to the Quarterly Meeting treasury.

Jeannette Smith reported that the Pope Fund had sent $300.00 for James Toothaker's scholarship.

Concerning the change of scheduling Quarterly Meeting: the letter which was received from North Dartmouth in Tenth Month was re-read; Jeannette Smith read from Providence Monthly Meeting minutes of Eleventh Month; and the following Committee was appointed to study the matter and bring forth suggestions at next Quarterly Meeting: - the Clerks of Providence, Westerly and North Dartmouth Monthly Meetings and the Clerk of Providence Meeting's Ministry and Counsel, with one more member to be appointed from Westerly and North Dartmouth by their respective Clerks. The matter of joint sessions with Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, etc. is to be considered.

The Clerk reminded the Meeting of the Query on Promptness, suggesting it be read at home; and closed the Meeting with the reading of the Third Query and a brief period of silence.

The Meeting adjourned, to hear Thomas Perry, Jr. tell of his experiences with the Care-Medico Doctors' team in Algiers; purposing to meet again in Fourth Month in Westerly.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline A. Price

Caroline A. Price, Recording Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held Fourth Month 20th,1963 at Westerly, Rhode Island.

After a period of worship, the clerk, Edward White, introduced George and Myrtle Minot from Jamaica, now studying at Barrington College; John Smith, a new member of Providence Meeting; and Jennie Althea Nichols, widow of Thomas Nichols.

Representatives to Quarterly Meeting were in attendance 100%: from Westerly, Marjorie Taylor and Harvey Perry; from North Dartmouth, Alice W. Gidley and Ann G. Lowry; from Providence, Millicent Foster, John Smith, Carol Kellam and T. Jane Foster.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The absence of Patricia Smith was noted by the clerk. Juliana Perry explained that Pat has been in Hartford caring for her younger brother since the death of her father. The meeting approved asking our clerk to write her our condolences.

The Treasurer, Henry Foster, reported no change, except a shift of $50 to the Scholarship Fund, leaving $181.34 in the general fund.

The following is the Nominating Committee's report, read by the Clerk, in the absence of Helen Burgess, Committee Chairman:

For 2 years on the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee - Edward White
For 2 years on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee - Dorothy Gifford
For 1 year (to complete the unexpired term of Jean Smith) on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee - Ambrose Meyers
For 2 years Beacon Hill Friends House Corporation - Gwendolyn Halewood and Harold Myers
For 1 year Beacon Hill Friends House Corporation- Irving Hardy (nominated from the floor) to fill the unexpired term of Russell Price, at the latter's suggestion
Quarterly Meeting Clerk - Edward White
Recording Clerk - Hazel W. Meyers
Treasurer - Henry C. Foster

All nominations were approved by the Meeting.

The following were appointed Representatives to Yearly Meeting: Grace Hardy, T. Jane Foster, John Smith, Carol Kellam, Thomas Perry,Sr., and Marion Goodwin. Cynthia Gifford was appointed Representative to Junior Yearly Meeting.

Sally Gallagher reported on Migrant Workers in Rhode Island and the Meeting approved a $25.00 contribution towards the expense of a Chaplain who ministers to the workers. The Meeting also approved sending a letter to State Senator Frank Scambato, and to the Governor asking repeal of law S 375, thereby giving the State Health Inspector authority over the Migrant Camps, instead of local authorities. Sally also said the gift of a guitar would be welcomed by the workers.

Statisical reports from the three Monthly Meetings have been received, were read by the Clerk, and will be sent on to Yearly Meeting.

Also the reports on the Spiritual Condition of the three Meetings were

read by the Clerk. The Meeting approved the Clerk's consolidating these for the Yearly Meeting.

Mary Damerel reported having received a letter from Hulda Randall, who is setting up a library in Turkey. She would be pleased to hear from members of the Meeting.

The Providence Meeting's traveling minute for Caleb, Jeannette, Jessie and Jay Smith was approved by Quarterly Meeting and will be endorsed by same.

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Respectfully submitted,

Caroline A. Price

Recording Clerk

Duplicate

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held Fourth Month 20th, 1963 at Westerly, Rhode Island.

After a period of worship, the Clerk, Edward White, introduced George and Myrtle Minot from Jamaica, now studying at Barrington College; John Smith, a new member of Providence Monthly Meeting; and Jennie Nichols, widow of Thomas Nichols, an interested non-member.

Representatives to Quarterly Meeting were in attendance 100%: from Westerly, Marjorie Taylor and Harvey Perry; from North Dartmouth Alice Gidley and Ann G Lowry; and from Providence, Millicent Foster, John Smith, Carol Kellam and Thyra Jane Foster.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The absence of Patricia Smith was noted by the clerk. Julianna Perry explained that Pat has been in Hartford caring for her younger brother since the death of her father. The meeting approved our Clerk writing her our condolences.

The treasurer, Henry C. Foster, reported no change, except a shift of $50 to the Scholarship Fund, leaving $181.34 in the general fund.

The following is the Nominating Committee's report, read by the Clerk, in the absence of Helen Burgess, Committee Chairman.

For 2 years on the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee - Edward White
For 2 years on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee - Dorothy Gifford
For 1 year (to complete the unexpired term of Jean Smith) on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee - Ambrose Meyers
For 2 years Beacon Hill Friends' House Corporation - Gwendolyn Halewood and Harold Myers
For 1 year Beacon Hill Friends' House Corporation - Irving Hardy (nominated from the floor) to replace unexpired term of Russell Price, at the latter's suggestion
Quarterly Meeting Clerk - Edward White
Recording Clerk - Hazel W. Meyers
Treasurer - Henry C. Foster

All nominations were approved by the Meeting.

The following were appointed representatives to Yearly Meeting: Grace Hardy, T. Jane Foster, John Smith, Carol Kellam, Thomas Perry, Sr., and Marion Goodwin; also Cynthia Gifford as representative to Junir Yearly Meeting.

Sally Gallagher reported on migrant workers in Rhode Island and the Meeting approved a $25 contribution toward the expenses of a chaplain who ministers to the workers. The Meeting also approved sending a letter to State Senator Frank Sgambato and to the governor asking repeal of law S375, thereby giving the State Health Inspector authority over the migrant camps, instead of local authorities. Sally also said the gift of a guitar would be welcomed by the workers.

Statistical reports form the three Monthly Meetings have been received, were read by the Clerk, and will be sent on th Yearly Meeting.

Also the reports on the Spiritual Condition of the three Meetings were read by the Clerk. The Meeting approved the Clerk's consolidating these for the Yearly Meeting.

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Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Price, Recording Clerk

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In the absence of the clerk, who was attending Five Years Meeting in Richmond, Indiana, Henry C. Foster was appointed clerk for the day.

After a period of worship attendance of representatives to Quarterly Meeting was called. Present were: from North Dartmouth, Elizabeth G. Lane; from Westerly, Thomas Perry Sr.; from Providence, Grace Hardy, Henry C. Foster, Helen Burgess. Alice Perry of Westerly was unable to attend.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The treasurer reported a balance of $265.26 in the general fund and $50 in the scholarship fund. The feeling was expressed that no particular need was known for the scholarship fund at present and it should be allowed to build up.

Gwendolyn Halewood reported that she had contributed a guitar for the use of migrant workers in Rhode Island since the desire for one had been expressed at the previous meeting. She also mentioned that the guitar had been repaired by a man on North Main Street in Providence who did the work "for fun" in this case.

A minute from the Young Friends Quarterly Meeting which met in conjunction with this meeting was presented and read.

The Epistle of the New England Yearly Meeting was read by the clerk for the benefit of the Quarterly Meeting. It was recommended by the Quarterly Meeting that the Epistle be read in the local meetings.

John Kellam spoke for the Social Concerns Committee of the Yearly Meeting concerning the present crisis in race relations, telling of the Committee's need to stimulate local Meetings and individual activity. It was the feeling of the Quarterly Meeting that we as individuals must raise our voices to express our opinions.

Millicent Foster raised the question of exploring the gap in education of negroes and the employment of negroes by towns. It was suggested that members of the Quarterly Meeting inquire into these affairs in their own towns.

Invitations were read to attend Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting of Friends in Guilford, Connecticut, Eighth Month 3rd , and The Cathedral in the Pines Eighth Month 4th in Rindge, New Hampshire. The latter will be a meeting for worship under the care of Cambridge Friends. Friends were also invited to the home of George McCavendish for lunch and to Meeting School for tea the same day.

It was approved that microfilming be done of the New England Yearly Meeting Minutes 1845-1945 now stored at Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania, for the use of one of our members. Haverford College has offered its facilities for this work and also a contribution of $100 if the remainder of the cost can be met by this Quarterly Meeting. The total cost will be $450. That is $325 for one negative and $125 for one positive. The Quarterly Meeting approved giving $200 from its present funds. Westerly Meeting will meet Haverford's offer of $100.

Thomas Perry Jr. was appointed chairman of the committee to receive the funds for microfilming. Representtives on the committee are: from Providence - T. Jane Foster; from Westerly - Thomas Perry Sr.; from North Dartmouth - Ann Lowry.

The clerk introduced Herbert Stevens of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

Friends wished to thank North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting for their hospitality.

The meeting closed with the reading of the Sixth Query purposing to meet tenth month 19 in Westerly.

Respectfully submitted,
Hazel W. Meyers
Hazel W. Meyers, Recording Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends met at Westerly Tenth Month 19th,1963.

Representatives from monthly meetings were: from North Dartmouth Ann Lowry, substituting for Herbert Stevens, who could not attend because of illness;from Providence - Sarah Gallagher, Carol Kellam, Catherine Perry, Henry Foster, and Louisa White; from Westerly - Julianna Perry substituting for Harvey Perry, who was ill. Alice Perry was absent due to her hus-

band's illness.

The minutes of Seventh Month's meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The treasurer reported a balance of $66.26 on hand.

In the absence of the chairman, Thomas Perry Jr., Jane Foster reported that the committee appointed to receive contributions for the cost of microfilming the Rhode Island Yearly Meeting minutes 1845-1945 had received $345. North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting reported that it was contributing $25 to this fund making a total of $370. Swarthmore Historical Library has asked for one positive of the minutes.

The clerk reminded monthly meetings of the Quarterly Meeting's recommendation that the Yearly Meeting Epistle be read.

Monthly meetings reported on the employment and education of negroes in their communities as follows:

Westerly - a young colored woman teaches in the Westerly Junior High School commuting daily from New London; for fifteen years colored women have been welcome and a part of the Westerly Women's Club;

Providence - the difficulty of finding negroes with the necessary qualifications for available jobs was mentioned with the recommendation that the employability of negroes be considered as a reason for not hiring them

The Meeting expressed some concern in the misuse of the word " segregation" as applied to district schools emphasizing that the school department has in no way segregated Providence schools.

A statement was made about the coming twentieth anniversary of the Friends' Committee on National Legislationto be held at a dinner meeting at Moses Brown School Eleventh Month 8th. A capital drive to raise money for continuing the work of the Friends' Committee on National Legislation is to be launched at that time.

The Quarterly Meeting thanked Westerly Monthly Meeting for the hospitality extended today.

Concern was expressed over the Quarterly Meeting's changing the dates and places of its meetings too frequently. It was felt by some that the meetings should be held at the place and on the day stated in the Yearly Meeting Minutes. It was concluded that for the present meetings would be held as recommended at the meeting held Fourth Month 1963. The place of the next Quarterly Meeting will be put in the New England Friend.

The Quarterly Meeting was informed that the Central Advisory Committee of Yearly Meeting working on geographical divisions of the various quarterly meetings hoping to regulate conflicting dates so that there can be more intervisitation .

James and Verna Toothaker of Allens Neck Meeting were introduced. James Toothaker spoke of their last year of study at Guilford College and the fellowship extended by this Meeting emphasizing that they " lacked nothing ".

The Meeting closed with the reading of the Seventh Query purposing to meet in Providence Fourth Month 18th 1964.

After the meeting Margaret and Paul Bruton gave a very interesting and informative talk " Impressions in Africa " covering their recent visit in that country.

Respectfully submitted,
Hazel W. Meyers
Hazel W. Meyers, Recording Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends met in Providence Fourth Month 18th, 1964 at 2.P. M.

After a welcome by the clerk attendance of representatives was taken. Present were: Herbert Stevens and Alice Gidley from North Dartmouth, Mary Myers and Helen Burgess from Providence, and Marjorie Taylor from Westerly. Patricia Smith from Westerly and William Foster and Auriel White from Providence did not attend.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

The treasurer reported a balance of $10.26 in the Regular Fund and $100 in the Scholarship Fund.

Jane Foster reported on the microfilming of the minutes of the old New England Yearly Meeting which now include the Women's Minutes from North Dartmouth. One negative of the microfilm is stored in the vault at the John Carter Brown Library. The books from which the microfilm was made are to be returned to Westerly from Haverford when transportation is available. (Correction: They are to be taken to the John Carter Brown Library.)

Due to an oversight a nominating committee was not appointed at the meeting in tenth month. To correct this the clerk wrote to each of the monthly meetings asking that members be named to the committee. The following were appointed: Caroline Price and Donald Gates from Providence, Marjorie Taylor from Westerly, Marion Goodwin and Herbert Stevens from North Dartmouth. The committee reported the following nominations:

Clerk - Edward A. White
Recording Clerk - Hazel W. Meyers
Treasurer - Henry C. Foster
Yearly Meeting Finance Committee - Donald Gates (Two years)
" " Nominating Committee - Mary Myers
" " Beacon Hill Friends House - William Foster

As representatives to the Yearly Meeting Quarterly Meeting appointed Ruth B. White, Marjorie Taylor, Catherine Perry, Alice Gidley, and Henry C. Foster; to the Junior Yearly Meeting; Alex Madzad and Margaret Barrett.

The clerk reported that prelimenary information on Yearly Meeting was out and it was felt by some that the dates for Yearly Meeting were not satisfactory so that it was being planned to hold the 1965 Yearly Meeting at a later date to accomodate more people.

Statistical reports from the three monthly meetings showed a total membership of 271 members, (33 North Dartmouth, 192 Providence, 46 Westerly) It was suggested that the report should include the number in attendance at business meetings. Providence gave the number 18 as the average attendance there.

The spiritual conditions of the meetings was considered. North Dartmouth felt grateful for the rich silences in their meetings; Westerly felt a need for breaking down the barrier between newcomers and regular members; Providence felt a need to extend its search for truth and a need for inspired leadership in reaching young Friends.

Members attending Quarterly Meeting commented on the above mentioned reports expressing the feeling that Saylesville Preparative Meeting should be asked to present a report on its spiritual condition; that Westerly Monthly Meeting too modestly belittles what it has. Friends wondered about the meetings being held at Moses Brown School, Lincoln School and Brown University. It was pointed out that the desire to hold their own meeting at Moses Brown School grew after a little urging from a member of Moses Brown faculty.

Contacts with the two Friends schools by Providence were discussed and it was pointed out that Lincoln and Moses Brown are Yearly Meeting school and the responsibility of all New England Friends and not just those in Providence.

It was requested and approved that the treasurer send a check for $25 to the Rhode Island Council of Churches to help finance their work among migrant workers. Members were reminded that we should think of and consider the legislation in this field which does more for the problems of migrants throughout the whole year than does only summer work.

The meeting closed with the redding of the Ninth Query - the query on social order - purposing to meet in North Dartmouth, seventh month 18th, next.

Following the meeting Ruth Hadley showed slides and talked on the work she and her husband did under the auspices of the American Friends board of Missions in Kenya, Africa.

Respectfully submitted,

Hazel W. Meyers

Hazel W. Meyers, Recording Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends met 7th month 18th, 1964 at North Dartmouth with 22 persons in attendance.

Appointed representatives: Mary Damerel, Alice Cope Wells from Westerly, Ruth D. B. White and Irving Hardy from Providence; and Elizabeth Lane and Marion Goodwin from North Dartmouth were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

The treasurers report was accepted as read.

The Quarterly Meeting expressed sorrow that Sarah Gallagher was ill and unable to be present. All were happy to hear that she was recovering from her illness and was able to be downstairs. The recording clerk was instructed to write her a note telling her that we missed her and wished her a speedy recovery.

Ruth D. B. White, Clerk of the Meeting on Ministery and Counsel, asked this meeting if it approved the suggestion of having George Sellick speak at the next quarterly meeting on the Meaning of Membership in the Society of Friends. Approval was expressed.

Thyra Jane Foster spoke for the Friends' Committee on National Legislation telling the quarterly meeting that after the anniversary meeting last winter when many special contributions were received for its work regular contributions slumped. F.C.N.L. is anxious to increase the number of regular contributors. It needs more than pshchological support and requires the equivalent of $1.01 per member in the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends to meet the load. A memorandum of the need is to be sent to individual members of the monthly meetings in the Quarter for their consideration in making annual contributions.

Thanks were expressed to North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting for the hospitality extended the Quarterly Meeting.

Several people spoke to the need of having young people attend quarterly meetings and possibly asking the Yearly Meeting youth worker to consider this. It was also suggested that Quarterly Meeting start at 10 A.M. with a meeting for worship followed by the business meeting. The Meeting for Ministery and Counsel would be held later (or in the afternoon). Monthly meetings are to talk this over and discuss it at the next quarterly meeting.

The meeting closed with the reading of the Second Query dealing with members assuming responsibility for monthly and quarterly meetings.

The next meeting will be held in Westerly, Rhode Island, 10th month, 17th, God willing.

Respectfully submitted,

Hazel W. Meyers, Recording Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Westerly, Rhode Island, 10th month 17th, 1964 thirty five persons were present including the following representatives: from North Dartmouth, James Brown, from Westerly, Alice Wells, and Frederick Buffum, from Providence, Barbara Hadland, Edward White and Ruth White. Appointed representatives who did not attend were Herbert Stevens from North Dartmouth and Louisa White from Providence.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer reported that no money transactions had taken place since the last meeting.

Thyra Jane Foster reported for Friends Committee on National Legislation that their finances were improved as they had received more contributions during the summer than they had for some time past.

Ruth White asked for and received authorization to pay the expenses of George Sellick in attending this meeting.

A nominating committee was named to present a slate of officers for the Quarterly Meeting and representatives to serve on Beacon Hill Friends' House, Finance, and Nominating Committees of the Yearly Meeting: Henry C. Foster, Barbara Haddad, Millicent Foster, Caroline Price, Juliana Perry and James Brown.

Louis Marstellier showed graphs and charts depicting the growth or decline in membership of all monthly meetings in New England Yearly Meeting.

The clerk, Edward A. White, welcomed George and Florence Sellick, Judy Everest, Edwin Hinshaw, and members of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting as guests.

Edwin Hinshaw, youth worker for New England Yearly Meeting, told of his plans for work with the young people. He reported that the Young Friends met in Boston, 10th month, 9th. They expect to draw up a list of objectives and present them to the monthly meetings. Among the things they have already discussed is a large youth gathering for Salem Quarterly Meeting. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting is to explore the possibility of establishing a Quaker Center in North Dartmouth. (This will probably involve Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.) They suggest that monthly meetings find out how many young Friends they really have including members, participants, and attenders at Sunday Schools. Participants would include work campers.

The next meeting will be held in Providence, 4th month, 17th, with meeting for worship held at 10:30 followed by the business meeting of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel or the Quarterly Meeting, whichever would appear likely to consume less time.

The meeting closed with the reading of the Fourth Query which concerns individual members carrying their full share of responsibility for the spiritual concerns of the meeting.

The program dealing with the Meaning of Membership in the Society of Friends was presented by George Sellick.

Respectfully submitted,

Hazel W. Meyers

Hazel W. Meyers, Recording Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends was held fourth month seventeenth, 1965 at Providence, Rhode Island.

The following monthly meeting representatives were present: Mary H. Damerel from Westerly; Ruth Burgess and Jerome Der Wallis from North Dartmouth; Jessie Smith, Phebe Perry, Louisa White and Ruth D.B. White from Providence. Appointed representatives who did not attend were Marjorie B. Taylor from Westerly and Kenneth B. White Jr. from Providence.

The minutes of the tenth month meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer reported a balance of $61.78 in the General Fund and $150 in the Scholarship Fund.

William Foster reported for the State Council of Churches their consensus on the importance of state legislation to protect migrant workers. They are greatly concerned to see that employers live up to the law.

The Meeting approved contributing $25 for the use of the Council of Churches in ministering to the migrant workers.

Edward White spoke of the May Breakfast held by the United Council of Church Men of the Rhode Island Council of Churches at the Meehan Auditorium. He mentioned the fine spirit of fellowship enjoyed by this gathering and his pleasure at being with them.

Memorials for two of our members, Edna Gardner Gifford and Amy Sherman Hayden, who have passed away since our last meeting, were read. These were approved and were to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

Summaries of the Statistical Reports of monthly meetings indicate that there are 33 members in North Dartmouth, 43 in Westerly, 165 in Providence, and 34 in Saylesville.

Reports on the Spiritual Condition of the meetings attest to the fact that meetings are meaningful to members and all feel signs of spiritual growth.

The clerk was asked to write a summary of the reports and forward it to the Yearly Meeting.

Henry Foster reported as follows for the Nominating Committee:

Clerk - Edward White
Recording Clerk - Ruth Burgess
Treasurer - Henry Foster
Beacon Hill House - Gertrude Brown and Harold Myers
Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee - Alexander M. Burgess Jr.
Finance Committee - James Brown

The Nominating Committee recommended that all the above appointments be made for two years. The idea was approved in principle, but it was left that this would be worked out with the persons and committees involved.

Appointed representatives to Yearly Meeting were T. Jane Foster, Edward White, Adelaide and Jerome Der Wallis, and Marjorie Taylor. Representatives named to Young Friends Yearly Meeting were Alex Haddad, Seth Gifford III, Charlotte Stevens.

Ruth White reported that the Friends World Committee needed support from 1) individuals, 2) monthly and yearly meetings, and 3) trust funds. It is hoped they will receive at least $15,000 from individual Friends.

In behalf of the Archives Committee, T. Jane Foster asked for help in unfolding and sorting papers. This work is done on Thursdays in the John Carter Brown Library.

The recommendation of Yearly Meeting that quarterly meetings be made up of monthly meetings within a state was considered. Much feeling was expressed on this subject and members felt they would be very sorry to lose Dartmouth Monthly Meeting from this Quarter. The difficulties in making this change were pointed out, though one member suggested that it was the older people who hated the change while it might be of benefit to the youth. It was left that monthly meetings should consider the change and report their reactions to the next quarter. The clerk was asked to notify monthly meeting clerks.

Several people spoke of the need to reconsider the dates of quarterly meetings with a view to eliminating present conflicts.

The clerk welcomed Jerome and Adelaide DerWallis and Francis and Marjorie Wheeler to this meeting.

After a silence following the Second Query, concerning members assuming their rightful share in work and support of the monthly meeting and attending business meetings, the meeting closed purposing to meet in North Dartmouth 7/17/65, God willing.

At the close of the meeting Jessie Smith and Buard Lung'Aho spoke on life and experiences in Kenya and showed interesting and beautiful slides of that country.

Respectfully submitted,

Hazel W. Meyers, Recording Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held Seventh Month 17th, 1965 at North Dartmouth, Mass, it appears from minutes from the monthly meetings that representatives to this meeting are Ann G. Lowry and Marian Goodwin from North Dartmouth; Mary Domerel and Laura Fuller from Westerly, and Elizabeth Foster, T.Jane Foster, Irving Hardy, and Grace Hardy from Providence. All representatives are present but one, whose absence is due to illness. Also missed on account of illuess is Thomas Perry of Westerly.

The minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting are approved as "excellent" and "full."

We are interested to hear reports from two of our representatives to the Yearly Meeting. Jerome DerWallis reports on the helpfulness of the worship-workshop groups and wishes they could meet in afternoons as well as mornings. T.Jane Foster reports her appreciation that young Friends shared the same campus with the older group at Yearly Meeting. She also feels that those worship-workshop groups which included both younger and older Friends were especially helpful.

The Treasurer reports that no income has been received since he reported a balance of $61.78 at our last meeting. A donation has been sent to the R.I. Council of Churches, as approved at that Meeting, resulting in a present balance of $36.78. The Scholarship Fund remains at $150.

It is felt that the time has come again for members to be reminded of the history of the Othniel Tripp Fund, from which most of the Quarterly Meeting funds are received. Harry Goodwin and T.Jane Foster are requested to bring a report on this fund to our next meeting. It is hoped that such a review of the Othniel Tripp fund will be made every few years. Trustees of this fund are Henry Foster, Thomas Perry Sr., and Harry Goodwin.

We have discussed further the suggestion from the Yearly Meeting that Quarterly Meetings consider re-organizing so that a Quarterly Meeting's membership would not cross state boundaries. Representatives from North Dartmouth and Westerly report that their meetings favor remaining as they are. Providence Meeting suggests that perhaps a change in Quarterly Meeting dates might allow intervisitation among various Quarterly Meetings without the necessity of reorganization. Jane Foster reminds us that, historically speaking, mergers have usually come about slowly over several years' time, and that the impetus more typically comes from local meetings, rather than having the suggestion originate at the yearly meeting level.

The suggestion that our Meeting appoint representatives to attend other Quarterly Meetings as observers is approved. We also approve the appointment of the following members to attend Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in S. Somerset, as observers, on October 9: Phebe Mungo, Mary Damerel, Herbert Stevens, Dieter Gouws, Irving and Grace Hardy. Others who are interested are also urged to attend. The Clerk is asked to write a note to the Clerk of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, to let him know of our concern and indicating names of those who have been asked to attend.

As Smithfield Quarterly Meeting and Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting have both set the same April date for their spring meeting, we also approve the suggestion that we invite Smithfield to hold a joint quarterly meeting with us at Providence on that date (April 16).

We approve the suggestion that for future meetings of RhodeIsland Quarterly Meeting it should lie with the host monthly meeting to make arrangements for any children who will be attending. In this connection, Mary Damerel would like to have the names and ages of children who will be coming to Westerly in October.

In response to the feeling that we would like to have larger and more active quarterly meetings, it is suggested that our Quarterly Meeting send an epistle to other quarterly meetings at some future date, inviting families and young people to a meeting where perhaps work projects for young people of the various quarterly meetings could be planned and subsequently carried out. No action was taken on this suggestion.

Ed Hinshaw, youth worker for New England Yearly Meeting, reminds us that young Friends are affected and inspired by the attitude and example of older Friends. They need and appreciate a personal approach from older members of the Meeting, and are often influenced by the "grandparent group." This puts a responsibility on us to see that Young Friends are given jobs and positions in theMeeting which they feel are of value. Although young Friends want to be apart for some activities, they still want to be a part of the Meeting as a whole. Ed Hinshaw believes that teenagers and children are often needed on Ministry and Counsel Committees, for example.

We are glad that both Ed Hinshaw and Louis Marstaller have attended our Quarterly Meeting and have benefitted from the participation of both in our deliberations.

With the reading of the first Query from Ministry and Counsel and the Seventh Query on brotherhood, simplicity andmoderation, we adjourn, purposing to meet again on 10th Month 16th, at Westerly, Rhode Island

Ruth C. Burgess

Edward A White, Clerk

Ruth C. Burgess, Recording Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Westerly, Tenth month sixteenth, 1965, the names of representatives forwarded from the monthly meetings were: Herbert Stevens and Ruth Burgess from North Dartmouth, Claire Hofer and Thomas Perry from Westerly, John Kellam, Thomas Perry, Jr., Jean Smith, and Caleb Smith, from Providence. All were present.

The Treasurer reported no transactions since the last Meeting. The present balance is $36.78 in the General Fund, and $150 in the Scholarship Fund. The minutes of our last Meeting in Seventh Month were approved as read.

Mary Damerel reported that she and Phebe Mungo and the Hardys attended Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on October 9, as observers, as requested by this Meeting. There were 40-50 people present. Pictures of Friends work in Peru were shown, and the need for money for the Friends School in Ramalla was discussed.

The Clerk reported that Smithfield Quarterly Meeting has been asked to meet jointly with us at our next Quarterly Meeting in Providence on April 16, as approved at our last meeting.

T. Jane Foster presented a review of the Othniel Tripp Fund, as had been requested at our last meeting. Othniel Tripp died in 1852 and left $2500 to New England Yearly Meeting and Rhode Island Monthly Meeting. The income of $500 of this was to go to the "smaller body" of Friends--those who followed the teachings of John Wilbur. Rhode Island Monthly Meeting got so small that in 1863 it was discontinued for a time. The Providence Meeting of the smaller body welcomed the members until they too were "discontinued." Ultimately meetings of this group were re-established in South Kingstown. As modern day representatives of this "smaller body," the present Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting now is receiving the income from the entire bequest of Othniel Tripp, which amounts to just over $100 a year. A suggestion was made that we review the decision about the disposition of the Fund at the time of the joining of the New England Meetings. Thomas Perry Jr. suggested that the same committee be appointed to inquire into this decision and report back to this meeting. This was approved.

The question of yearly nominations was raised. Although Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meeting, and Beacon Hill nominations are now made for two years, the appointments are staggered so that committee memberships are not entirely new every two years. Thus the nominating committee needs to meet every year. Named to the nominating committee at this time are: Caroline Price, Mary Damerel, Katherine Perry, and Ruth Burgess. They are also instructed to nominate a Clerk and Assistant Clerk for Ministry and Counsel.

Looking forward to our next Quarterly Meeting, at which time we plan a joint meeting with Smithfield, a committee was appointed to get in touch with Smithfield Meeting for the purpose of planning the April Meeting. A suggestion was made that this committee also bring in preliminary thoughts on a possible re-arrangement of Sandwich, Smithfield, and R.I. Quarterly Meetings so that they do not conflict as at present. Louis Marstaller stated that quarterly meeting dates can be changed by a Quarterly Meeting without asking Yearly Meeting approval, so the way is open for a discussion of this possibility. It was suggested that Sandwich Quarterly Meeting also be invited to appoint representatives to this Quarterly Meeting Arrangements Committee. The following names were suggested and approved as representatives from this Quarterly Meeting: Edward White, Caleb Smith, and Herbert Stevens.

Greetings were received in behalf of Louis Marstaller, who is attending a meeting in Salem.

A conference on opposition to conscription will be held November 19, 20, and 21 at Brown University. Helen Burgess should be contacted for information.

The recording clerk was asked to record a minute of appreciation for the always-hospitable arrangements made by Westerly Meeting, which we look forward to each October.

Greetings from East Africa Yearly Meeting were extended through Caleb Smith.

The Meeting concluded with the reading of the third query on Christian love and welfare, Divine unity, and a forgiving spirit.

We adjourned, to meet in Providence in April 1966 if God so wills.

Ruth C. Burgess

Edward A. White, Clerk

Ruth C. Burgess, Recording Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends took place at 1:30 p.m. on Fourth Month 16th, 1966, at the Providence Meeting House. This followed a joint meeting for worship with Sandwich Quarterly Meeting at 11 a.m., and a luncheon provided by Providence Friends. Thode Island Quarterly Meeting was held downstairs in the Meeting House, while Sandwich Quarterly Meeting took place upstairs.

In the absence of Edward A. White, Caleb Smith was appointed Clerk for the day. Representatives were named as follows:

from Westerly: Patricia Smith and William Fink

from North Dartmouth: James Brown, Ruth C. Burgess, Alice W. Gidley

from Providence: Donald Gates, Helen T. Gifford, William O. Foster, Auriel B. White.

All were present.

The minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting were read, corrected, and approved. The committee on the Othniel Tripp Fund made a progress report. Members will continue to meet and will present a more complete report at a later meeting.

Caleb Smith suggested that the meeting consider holding further joint activities with Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. Smithfield Quarter is small--composed of two monthly meetings. Rhode Island is likewise small, with a membership of three monthly meetings. Without necessarily merging, the two meetings might continue to meet together in various ways.

An invitation was received from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting through Louis Marstaller that we hold our next Quarterly Meeting jointly with them in Sturbridge Village. The following minute was adopted and sent upstairs to Smithfield Meeting in care of Thomas Perry:

"We are happy to accept the invitation to meet jointly with Smithfield Quarterly Meeting this summer in Sturbridge Village on July 30, and suggest that a joint committee be appointed by the two clerks to make final arrangements for this meeting and to consider further joint activities of the Quarterly Meetings."

The Treasurer reported that added to the balance of $36.78 carried over from our last Quarterly Meeting has been added $32.60 from the Othniel Tripp Fund, and $2.97 bank interest, making a total of $72.35. From this total, $50 has been transferred to the Scholarship Fund, leaving a current balance of $22.35.

The State of Society reports were read from Providence, North Dartmouth, and Westerly. The Meeting approved these three reports and directed that a summary report be prepared by the recording clerk and forwarded to the Yearly Meeting. The original reports are to remain in full in our records.

The yearly statistical reports from the three meetings were also read. In summary it appears that all three meetings show a net gain in membership.

The Nominating Committee presented the following report:

Clerk: Edward A. White
Recording Clerk: Ruth C. Burgess
Treasurer: Henry C. Foster
Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee for one year: Dorothy Gifford
" " " " " two years: Millicent Foster
Yearly Meeting Finance Committee for two years: Donald Gates
Beacon Hill Committee: Caleb Smith, Mary Myers
R.I. Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel Clerk: Jeannette Smith
" " " " " " " Asst. Clerk: Adelaide der Wallis

The report of the Nominating Committee was approved.

Representatives to Yearly Meeting were appointed, as follows:

Harold Myers, Juliana Perry, Louisa White, Jessie Smith, Jerome der Wallis
Adelaide der Wallis

The Clerk was instructed to name also the juniors who will be attending.

A letter was received from Thyra Jane Foster, Chairman of the Yearly Meeting Archives and Historical Records Committee, asking our help in locating certain missing records, and suggesting that all records up to fifty years back of the present date be transferred to the care of the Yearly Meeting Committee. The following minute was adopted: "Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting approves the suggestion

of the Yearly Meeting Committee on Meeting Archives and Historical Records that the property rights in the records of our Quarterly Meeting up to fifty years previous be given over to the Yearly Meeting Committee."

A letter from the Friends World Committee, seeking $5,000 to help the Youngblut family to get to their appointed position in Johannesburg, Africa was read. The Meeting approved a contribution of $20.

The Meeting adjourned, proposing to meet jointly with Smithfield Quarterly Meeting at Sturbridge Village on July 30 at 10 a.m.

Caleb A. Smith, Clerk for the Day

Ruth C. Burgess

Ruth C. Burgess, Recording Clerk

Seventh Month 30, 1966

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting met in conjunction with the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting at Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Mass.

Reading of minutes of last quarterly meeting dispensed with.

The following visitors were introduced:

Winifred & Leslie Barrett
Delbert & Ruth Replogel
Edwin & Dorothy Hinshaw & Family
Philip & Virginia Towle
Bernard Lakohno (Sp)

Roll call of representatives for Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.

Ministry & Council suggested committee to outline duties of Ministry & Council, October 15th, 1966. Ruth Hoag to speak.

Joint program committee for Smithfield and Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings met at Uxbridge - report by Caleb Smith. Committee proposes three meeting a year. Meetings to be held where there are active first day meetings. October 1966 - Saylesville; April 1967 - Woonsocket; July 1967 - North Dartmouth; October 1967 - Worcester; April 1968 - Providence; July 1968 - Westerly.

Suggested Program: Ministry & Council 10:30; Worship to follow. Lunch 12:30. Business Meeting 2:00.

Arrangement for Ruth Hoag left to Providence Meeting.

Chester Smith advises possible new dates for Yearly Meeting. Suggest communication sent to Permanent Board and discussions in individual monthly meetings.

Visiting Friends invited to give reports. Delbert and Ruth Replogel are of New York Yearly Meeting having just returned from Friends General Conference and Friends United Meeting bring us this message: Friends General Conference feels depth of spiritual life begins on monthly meeting level, goes on up to yearly meeting. Growth in the monthly meeting is necessary. Advancement Committee proposes advertisements in all medial to reach out. The local meeting must have something to sell. Meeting must go into period of spiritual preparation for this. At the Friends United Meeting emphasis was put on qualification for membership. Quakers must speak to the world. We must take our place and make ourselves heard in the world. At New York Quarterly meeting, there was a new spiritual depth. The World College once a point of division is now being accepted. Interest in missions increased. New York Yearly Meeting will support the Rod Morris Family.

Leslie Barrett gave his impression Friends United Meeting and New York Yearly Meeting. He felt a concern for race relations and saw a concerned young people as they discussed the future.

Edwin Hinshaw asks us to consider the following points:

1. Discuss the Bible in depth in Sunday Schools.
2. Retreats in area or quarterly meeting level.
3. Family activities = cross generation dialogues.
4. Washington Conference for High School Age.

Winifred Barrett asks us to consider the possibility of visitation to other meetings.

Our meeting being concluded we adjourned purposing to meet in Saylesville, R.I., Tenth month 15th, 1966

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met jointly with Smithfield Quarterly Meeting on 10th month 15th, 1966 at Saylesville, R.I. After meeting for worship the two meetings separated for the business sessions.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting held July 30 in Sturbridge Village being temporarily misplaced, Edward White reported on the meeting from his notes. It was announced that the coming schedule of quarterly meetings for 1967 will be held as follows: 4-15-67 in Woonsocket; 7-15-67 in North Dartmouth, Mass; 10-21-67 in Worcester, Mass.

Appointed representatives from constituent monthly meetings were present with the exception of one.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance in the general fund of $121.93. There is $200 in the Scholarship Fund. $20 was sent to the Friends World Committee for the Youngblutts.

A nominating Committee was appointed, to report in April. Claire Hofer, William Foster, Ruth Burgess, Katherine Perry will serve on this committee. They are to bring in nominations for Clerk, Recording Clerk, Treasurer, Beacon Hill Committee, Yearly Meeting Finance Committee, and the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee.

Louis Marstaller presented a report from a Joint Committee on Publicity, formed by Friends United Meetings and the Friends General Conference, which met recently at Pendle Hill. Louis Marstaller is chairman of this joint committee. The meeting at Pendle Hill included some professional advisors, and met to consider ways and means of getting better publicity for Friends Meetings and the Quaker message, The Advancement Committee will try out some of the suggestions of this committee in New York state and see whether inquiries from non-Friends are increased. The New England Yearly Meeting Extension Committee may decide to present some of the recommendations to local New England meetings.

Providence Monthly Meeting presented a concern that the Quarterly Meeting be asked to sponsor and contribute $25 toward a meeting to be held in Providence on 11th month 9th, at which William Barton of the Friends Service Council will speak on the "Moral Challenge of Communism." It was hoped that Smithfield Quarterly Meeting would also agree to a joint sponsorship. The Meeting approved the sponsorship and the $25 appropriation.

Stanley Johnson suggested that in the future Quarterly Meetings be patterned more as retreats, with recreational activities included. This would encourage family participation and result in a more interesting day. Louis Marstaller questioned what the present focus of Quaeterly Meetings is. They have lost the significance they had in former years and if they are to survive whould find a new role. It is perhaps true that Quarterly Meeting means more to smaller than larger monthly meetings.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting joined Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting for the rest of the session, and the following subjects were discussed:

1. It is hoped that Ruth Hogue will be able to attend our next Quarterly Meeting in Woonsocket. She is an able resource person on family relations and we hope this will encourage better attendance of families and perhaps lead the way to more interesting sessions in the future. The clerk is asked to invite Ruth Hogue.

2. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting members approved the idea of a joint sponsorship of the William Barton program with R.I. Quarterly Meeting. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting will also be invited to attend. A committee was appointed to work on arrangements for the William Barton meeting: Jane Foster (Prov.), Bob Cool (Smithfield), Betty Jones (Worcester).

3. Thyra Jane Foster presented the concern of the Peace and Social Order Committee of Providence Meeting that our incumbents and candidates for Congress be interviewed. Anyone interested is invited to get in touch with Jane Foster about a meeting scheduled for the purpose of interviewing candidates.

4. Ed White read a statement on Vietnam prepared by Robert Mayer and Shimon Gottshalk and invited all who wish to add their names to the statement before it is forwarded to Washington.

A most interesting panel of younger Friends discussed the problems of communication between the generations, and the Meeting divided into smaller groups to discuss these questions further.

Upon coming together again the Meeting expressed its appreciation for the young people's contributions. Appreciation was also expressed for Ed Hinshaw's work with young people throughout the Yearly Meeting, as well as for the work of Louis Marstaller.

The Meeting concluded, purposing to meet again at Woonsocket on Fourth Month 15th, 1967.

Edward A. White, Clerk

Ruth C. Burgess, Recording Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting met in the Woonsocket Friends Meeting House on Fourth Month 15th, 1967. In the absence of the Clerk, Caleb Smith was appointed Clerk for the Day. The minutes of our last quarterly meeting were read and approved. All the representatives from North Dartmouth and Providence were present. Westerly Meeting was not represented, as no one had been able to accept appointment.

The Treasurer reported a balance of $24.62 in the bank, after authorized expenses had been paid, and $50 placed in the Scholarship Found. The Scholarship Fund now stands at $250.00. Nothing has been received from the Othniel Tripp Fund since our last Quarterly Meeting.

Statistical reports were presented from Providence, North Dartmouth, and Westerly. These will be summarized by the Clerk and forwarded to the Yearly Meeting. Reports on Spiritual Condition were read from the North Dartmouth and Westerly Meetings. The Providence report will be presented at the July Quarterly Meeting. Special appreciation was expressed for the Westerly report. It was felt that for a small meeting this showed unusual activity and vitality. The Recording Clerk was asked to forward an expression of our appreciation to the Westerly Meeting.

The Nominating Committee presented its report. Deborah F. Warren has been acting on this committee in place of Claire Hofer. The Meeting approved the following nominations:

Clerk: Harold Myers
Recording Clerk: William Fink
Treasurer: Henry Foster
Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee (2 years): Ruth Burgess
" " Finance Committee (2 years): James Brown
Beacon Hill Committee (2 years): William Foster
Harold Myers

Harold Myers explained that he will not be able to be present at the July Quarterly Meeting. The present Recording Clerk was asked to collect all Clerk's papers and materials and have them ready to turn over to the incoming Recording Clerk in July, together with an Agenda for this meeting.

A note of appreciation for the joint Quarterly Meetings with Smithfield was received from the Providence Meeting. This report expressed warm satisfaction with the joint worship, ministry, and social activities, but pointed out that joint business sessions are impractical, as local affairs do not overlap. Would it be possible to get together after each quarter has taken care of its routine business and share concerns of a more general nature? Perhaps the whole quarterly meeting set-up should be

reviewed and revamped? Have quarterly meetings as now set up outlived their purpose? Quarterly meetings are a symbol of the relation between monthly and yearly meetings, and as such may be full of life, or merely outworn patterns which ought to be changed.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, in session in another part of the building, was invited to join Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting for further discussion of the future organization of quarterly meeting procedure in our areas. This discussion brought out various points of view and it was decided to appoint a committee of representatives from each monthly meeting to discuss these points of view and to bring questions and recommendations to our July meeting, perhaps by means of a panel. Named to this committee were Caleb Smith (convenor), James Toothacre, Robert Cool, Ruth White, Herbert Stevens, William Fink, Elizabeth Jones, Lloyd Arnold, Edith Paine, Willard Ware, and Harold Myers. This committee was also asked to serve as an arrangements committee for the July quarterly meeting.

It was decided to leave the appointment of representatives to Yearly Meeting to our July meeting, as Yearly Meeting this year will be in August.

The meeting then adjourned to hear a stimulating talk by Ruth Hogue on family life in our meetings, purposing to meet at North Dartmouth on the fifteenth of July, 1967, the Lord willing.

Caleb Smith, Clerk for the Day Ruth C. Burgess, Recording Clerk

7-15-67

A period of silence opened the joint business meeting of Rhode Island and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings at North Dartmouth on July 15, 1967. Representing both Meetings, Willard Ware and Ruth Burgess acted as clerks for the day.

Representatives appointed to this meeting from Providence were Irving and Grace Hardy and Samir and Barbara Haddad. All were present. Representatives from North Dartmouth were Alice W. Gidley, Ann G. Lowry, and Ruth C. Burgess, all of whom were present. Smithfield representatives (all present) were Lloyd Arnold, Melita Fisher, Marion Ross, Nellie Fisher and Bessie Ewen. Worcester appointed Elizabeth Jones, Edith and Willard Ware, Leota Wadleigh, Elvie Ramsdell and Radmilla Frencic. All were present except the last two.

The report of the spiritual condition from Providence Monthly Meeting was read and accepted, after favorable comment. Edward A. White will prepare a summary of Spiritual Condition reports from North Dartmouth, Westerly and Providence meetings to be sent to Yearly Meeting. Reports of Spiritual Condition from Worcester and Smithfield were read and accepted. The Clerk will send a condensation of these reports to the Yearly Meeting.

A memorial minute for Caroline G. Towle of Worcester was read and approved. The Meeting also approved that this be forwarded to the Permanent Board.

Caleb A. Smith introduced the report of the committee appointed to consider the future of our two Quarterly Meetings, in order to open a discussion on the subject. The Committee has had two meetings of 3½ hours each during which there was much discussion. The functions of quarterly meetings were seen to be both basic and administrative. Basic functions were understood to be the provision of wider experiences and acquaintanceship for local meetings, opportunity for joint exchange and formulation of ideas and the transmission of these ideas and information to Yearly Meeting, also the widening of bases for joint action. Administratively, quarterly meetings exist for the purposes of handling local business and trust funds, for setting up and laying down local meetings, for the care of old meeting houses, for forwarding reports to the yearly meeting, and for helping to carry out yearly meeting business. A real function seems involved.

James Toothaker reported that the committee felt its task was to examine the present structure and then look to the future. He felt the two quarterly meetings should unite and then work out new procedures which would meet the present joint needs.

This opened the way for discussion on what members hoped might characterize a new set-up. Concerns were expressed for arousing the interest of our young people by such means as work camps, beach parties, and coffee houses. But we also want the younger members to share in meetings for business. Perhaps more attention could be given to draft problems and to discussing religion in terms that young people approve. Interest in two-day conferences or retreats was expressed. These might meet around at various local meetings, as Friends used to do, with local people providing hospitality. This intervisitation would help us to become better acquainted. Perhaps the Quarterly Meeting should plan more special activities for the youngest members by organizing trips to the beach, to museums, to old meetinghouses, and so forth, on Quarterly Meeting days, with atleast one older member willing to devote full time to this service.

Millicent Foster reminded the meeting that these ideas must wait for their implementation until we decide on the fundamental recommendations of the committee. Do we wish to unite at this time? Caleb Smith, as Clerk of Providence Monthly Meeting, reported that that Meeting had discussed the uniting of the two quarters and feels in favor of it. Smithfield Meeting expressed approval of a united quarter. Westerly had not yet discussed this fully and asked for more time. Worcester was informally in favor of uniting. North Dartmouth had not discussed the proposal in a business meeting.

After some discussion each Monthly Meeting was asked to prepare a minute for Yearly Meeting if it approved the uniting of Smithfield and Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings and to send the minutes to Caleb Smith, who will act as a clearing house so that if unity is reached, all may be sent to the Clerk of Yearly Meeting in time for early action at the time of Yearly Meeting, next month.

Millicent Foster suggested that the present Committee to consider the future of the two quarterly meetings continue its appointment and be empowered to decide on a name for the new quarterly meeting if the merger is approved. This was approved.

Smithfield's Yearly Meeting nominations were approved, as follows:

Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee: Ely Jones, Finance Committee: Elvie Ramsdell, Beacon Hill Friends House: James Toothaker, Lloyd Arnold.

Kenneth Strobel was approved as Smithfield Quarterly Meeting Treasurer.

Representatives to Yearly Meeting were approved, as follows:

From Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting: Thyra Jane Foster, Henry C. Foster, Herbert Stevens, Ruth Burgess Deborah Warren, Edward A. White

From Smithfield Quarterly Meeting: Melita Fischer, Eunice Strobel, Willard Ware Edith Ware, James Toothaker

Young Friends: Charlotte Stevens, John Ramsdell

Juniors: Laurie White, Danny Warren

Representatives were reminded by Henry Foster that they are responsible for attending the special Representatives Meeting held during the early part of Yearly Meeting.

The meeting concluded with a period of silence and adjourned to Ivan Massar and see slides. Ivan Massar was the photographer on the recent trip of The Phoenix which saile with medical supplies for Vietnam from Japan to Haiphong. Other visitors joined the meeting for this very stimulating and moving experience.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 21 in Worcester.

Willard Ware, Clerk for the Day

Ruth C. Burgess, Recording Clerk for the Day

10-21-67

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting in joint session with Smithfield Quarterly Meeting at Worcester, Mass. Tenth Month 21st, 1967.

The representatives to this Meeting are: North Dartmouth, Adelaide and Jerome Der Wallis (Ruth Burgess and T. Neol Stern were also present); Providence,
Westerly,

From Smithfield Monthly Meeting, Melita Fisher, Eunice Strobel, Louise Corregan, Lloyd Arnold, Leslie Follett; from Worcester, Walter and Letitia Jones, Willar and Edith Ware, Clara Adams, James and Verna Toothaker; from Bolton, Ruth Campbell and Margaret Ware.

Harold Myers and Willard Ware served as Clerks.

The Treasurer, Henry C. Foster, reported a balance of $147.23. The Scholarship Fund stands at $250.00.

Caleb Smith reported for the Committee on the merger of the two Quarterly Meetings that North Dartmouth Meeting does not feel ready at this time for a merger. Special funds like the Othniel Tripp Fund in Dartmouth and one in Smithfield Monthly Meeting, would complicate any merger. Louis Marstaller reminded us that the Yearly Meeting has a special committee appointed to look into the status of Quarterly Meetings. It was agreed to send a letter to North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting expressing interest in their problem but assuring them that we are not putting on pressure. The Clerk will write this letter.

Ruth Campbell and Margaret Ware from Bolton Monthly Meeting presented a letter proposing to lay down that Monthly Meeting. Willard Ware read the procedure in our Discipline, p. 212, for laying down a Meeting. It was suggested that they might like to join Worcester Monthly Meeting, the other alternative being to come under the jurisdiction of the Yearly Meeting. A committee from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Lloyd Arnold, Kenneth Strobel and Willard Ware was appointed to talk with Bolton members.

Nominating Committees were appointed as follows:

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting: Edward A. White, Helen T. Gifford and Mary V. Myers, also Ruth Burgess. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting: Elizabeth Jones, Eunice Strobel, Lloyd Arnold.

A collection was taken as was Smithfield's custom, which amounted to $48. Payment to Caleb Smith for expensive of this Quarterly Meeting session, of $15, was approved.

The Meeting was then turned over to a panel with Caleb Smith as Moderator. Edward White spoke on the Outreach Program of Providence Meeting which was acting as one of five Meetings in a pilot program for the publicising of Friends principles, chosen because it is an industrial, college area with racial varieties.

Ann deNevers of Woonsocket Meeting told of her daughter's experience in Friends World College and then of the Family Consultation Center which has been established there. The Meeting's Peace and Social Concerns Committee forms part of the Board of the Center.

James Toothaker urged an outreach to factory workers, service and construction workers. Can we speak knowledgeably about their problems and outlook and really communicate with them, he asked?

T. Neel Stern told of the Coffee House at Southeastern Mass. Technical Institute sponsored by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. The students who come find a forum for discussion of community and world problems that interest them. Many are sons and daughters of factory people "upward bound," from Catholic homes and tend to be conservative

but disturbed about what is going on.

Caleb Smith pointed out that the Providence Meeting's pilot program was proselytizing while the other three speakers tended to broaden outlook to make room for Quaker ideas.

The Meeting adjourned to meet again in Westerly in Fourth Month 1968.

(These Minutes have been made from the notes of William Fink who deceased suddenly soon after the Meeting, by T. J. Foster.)

4-21-68

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held Fourth Month 21, 1968, in Providence (with Smithfield Friends holding separate Meeting for Business in same building).

The following representatives were present:

From Providence, Caroline Price, Helen Gifford, Henry C. Foster and Harold Myers.
From North Dartmouth, Katherine Stern, Adelaide DerWallis, Ruth C. Burgess, Albert Hill
From Westerly, Allan Warren and John Rounds.

Henry Foster's report of the treasury showed a balance of $174.78 and $300 in the scholarship fund.

The statistical reports prepared by the monthly meetings are to be summarized by the Clerk.

The reports of the spiritual condition of Providence and North Dartmouth Meetings are to be forwarded to the Clerk. The report from Westerly was read and approved.

A memorial minute of the life of Elizabeth Gidley Lane, a member of North Dartmouth Meeting, was read by Adelaide Der Wallis. Elizabeth Lane was a former teacher whose humor and warmth of affection meant much to her students. This memorial is to be forwarded to the Permanent Board of the Yearly Meeting.

The following members were appointed to the Nominating Committee: Thyra Jane Foster, Katherine Stern, and Mary Damerel.

It was decided that we should send a check to Russell Marchand, a teacher in Attleboro High School, in appreciation of his kindness in giving a Saturday afternoon to present his beautiful pictures and interesting talk "The Sculptured Earth."

A contribution of $25 to Beacon Hill Friends' House for repairs to the kitchen was approved.

Edwin Hinshaw spoke for the China Camp program, urging us to secure contributions for the camp. A four-year program of nature study and the life of Rufus Jones is to begin this year.

We appreciate the attendance of the following visitors: Russell Marchand, Frances Gove, and Herman and Gertrude Lawrence from Lynn; also Philip Cornell from Sandwich, Ernest Weed and Martin Clark from Cambridge, Tom Bodine from Hartford, Edward Hinshaw and Louis Marstaller.

We are grateful to Providence Monthly Meeting for their hospitality and delicious lunch.

Recording Clerk

7-20-68

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting in Joint Session with Smithfield Quarterly Meeting at Westerly, Rhode Island 7-20-1968.

Thyra Jane Foster was asked to serve as Recording Clerk for the Day.

The representatives from North Dartmouth are: Herbert Stevens, T. Noel and Katherine Stern, Anne G. Lowry; from Westerly: Fred Buffum and Deborah Warren; from Providence: Edward White, Elizabeth Foster, Gwendolyn Halewood, Katherine Perry.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The items therein for the Yearly Meeting were sent in by the Clerk. The reports on Spiritual Condition for North Dartmouth and Providence were read. That for Westerly was read and approved in Fourth Month.

North Dartmouth Meeting has been active this year. There is an increase in members and attenders. They say, "Both our silent meetings and spoken messages draw our many points of view together into a warm fellowship." They arranged a Peace Witness in New Bedford which was joined by 110 people. Many people asked questions. The New Bedford Meetinghouse was used as a rallying point. Its use was also granted to the United Front, a black organization, as a place in which to meet.

Providence reports a large number of young people at their Meetings, most of them students at nearby schools and colleges. The Outreach Program conducted by it under the Friends General Conference pilot program has been completed. 130 replies to the newspaper publicity were received. They say, in their report of Spiritual Condition, "We search for and experience the Spiritual Guidance which stirs in us the desire to be more compassionate, more courageous and more willing to put ourselves at God's disposal."

The Treasurer's Report was read and is appended.

The American Friends Service Committee, thru Helen Burgess, suggests our help for funds for Negro delegates at Avon Institute. We agreed to give $40.00 for registration fees with special contributions for the purpose made up to $40 from the Treasury.

Representatives to Yearly Meeting are: Helen T. Gifford, Deborah Warren, Harold Myers, Caleb Smith, Barbara Haddad, Katherine Stern; young people: Charlotte Stevens, Phoebe Perry, Alex Haddad; Juniors: Daniel and Timothy Warren and Harold Watkins.

The importance of this service was mentioned. Representatives nominate the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting. They should attend sessions (on time) and bring back good reports to their meetings.

A memorial minute for Isabelle Sturdy Bugbee was read to our satisfaction. It will be appended to our Minutes.

A letter of greeting to Sarah Gallagher, who cannot attend, will be sent by our Clerk.

The Nominating Committee reported the name of Harold Myers for Clerk, Thyra Jane Foster for Recording Clerk, Henry C. Foster for Treasurer, Auriel White for the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee for two years, Katherine Stern for the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee for two years, William Foster for the Beacon Hill Corporation. These names were approved.

Appreciation for the hospitality of Westerly Friends was expressed. An illustrated lecture by Thomas Perry, Jr. on Birds and Conservation and lunch at Burlingame Park and Bird Sanctuary was announced.

The arrangement for having joint Quarterly Meetings with Smithfield is extended for one more year.

We now adjourn, purposing to meet in Tenth Month at Worcester, Mass. (place appended later.)

Thyra Jane Foster

Harold Myers, Clerk

Thyra Jane Foster
Recording Clerk for Day

Treasurer's Report
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
7-20-1968

Income:-		Disbursements:-		
Balance Last Report	$174.78	Quarterly Meeting 4-20-68	Speakers	$20.00
No receipts	0.00	Beacon Hill Friends House		25.00
	$174.78			$45.00
		Balance on Hand 7-20-68		$129.78

Scholarship Fund $300.00

Henry Foster, Treasurer

Isabelle Sturdy Bugbee

Isabelle Sturdy Bugbee was born in Attleboro Falls, Massachusetts, Fourth Month 28, 1884, and died in the Fowler Nursing Home, Guilford, Connecticut, Third Month 15, 1968. Her father was a prominent jewelry manufacturer in Attleboro, Massachusett Isabelle graduated from Moses Brown School in 1903. She always had a cheerful disposition, and won many friends. She married Raymond Bugbee, a well-known Providence physician. Their daughters, Elizabeth and Virginia, reside in Connecticut.

Isabelle's deep faith and daily walk with God inspired all who knew her. Her vivid personal experiences didn't deter her from sharing them. She enjoyed a live religious discussion. Her remarks in Meeting were a great contribution. Her religion was a way of life. Her faith and optimism enabled her to meet confinement and lonliness with cheerfulness.

Her joining Friends in the later years of her life was the fulfillment of a desire she had had for many years. Her long influential part in the affairs of the Central Congregational Church in Providence makes her joining of Friends even more striking. She joined Friends without reservations. She appeared always to have found that which she sought in our assemblies; there was no disillusionment; there were no regrets; there was fulfillment.

Doubtless, she wondered why other Friends did not show the same implicit and unusual faith in the power of prayer that she did. She believed prayer could remove mountains; she wondered why it did not remove cataracts. Yet her faith remained intact, when it didn't. Reconciling blindness by one who had worked tirelessly that the blind might read might be a severe test. Fortunately, such is not a major problem for most of us.

Isabelle was a friend of all who knew her. She was a shining light in a dark world. She was an embodiment of prayer.

North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends
Report of Spiritual Condition, 1967-68

North Dartmouth Friends have felt a growth in Meeting activities, aswell as in number of members and attenders over the past year. Meetings for worship are regularly attended by about 10-12 members and attenders, plus visitors. Both our silent meetings and spoken messages draw our many points of view together into a warm fellowship.

As a Meeting, we have expressed our concerns in the areas of peace and race relations by writing letters to local newspapers. We have also written to the Dartmouth School Committee, expressing our opposition to the proposed addition of an ROTC program in the High School. In addition to writing letters, we desire to work actively for the principles we proclaim. To this end we are in touch with groups in New Bedford which are working on racial and housing problems, and hope to join them in their efforts to improve racial relations in this section of southeastern Massachusetts. We are aware that we may be guilty of racism ourselves in unconscious ways and pray we may recognize this danger if it exists. We continue our interest in the SMTI coffee house. Our members also continue to carry out individual concerns in a variety of ways in their own communities.

Ruth C. Burgess, Clerk

SPIRITUAL CONDITION - 1967-1968
Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

It is difficult to assess the spiritual condition of a Meeting. Any attempt to evaluate is necessarily based upon personal experiences and observations of a few members.

We cherish our historical background of worship and service to humane causes. We acknowledge our human frailties as we recognize our failure to follow through in many instances where our duty is clearly defined.

There has been an increase in participation in the vocal ministry by Friends and students. A spirited response has often occurred when a student expressed a concern. The occasional large attendance of students has challenged members of the Meeting, has brought fresh insights to our meditation, and has increased our sense of responsibility to vocal ministry. We seek guidance in our response to the young people as they express their concerns and we welcome their participation. At times expressed concern for the problems of the world may have disrupted our worship.

The program of meeting in various homes for supper and discussions has strengthened our bonds of friendship and understanding. It has been questioned whether these meetings adequately replace the discussions formerly held on First Day prior to the Meeting for Worship. These meetings reached different members and casual attenders.

We feel a lack of personal communication with those in trouble and poor health. We tend to overlook the needs of our own members. We need to give more concrete evidence of our concern for one another.

The loss of membership of several active families who have moved to other localities has caused the concerns and responsibilities of the Meeting to fall on fewer shoulders. This has also left our First Day School much diminished both in children and in leaders.

During the past summer visits from several Friends from Africa brought deeper understanding and spiritual enrichment to those who met with them. Sincere prayers of thanks and appreciation revealed strong Christian convictions refreshing to behold.

Our Meeting has been chosen to be one of five Meetings in the United States to be in an experimental outreach program directed by the Friends General Conference. This brings with it a great challenge and we hope to fulfill the opportunities it should present.

We search for and experience the Spiritual Guidance which stirs in us the desire to be more compassionate, more courageous, and more willing to put ourselves at God's disposal.

Thyra Jane Foster
Recording Clerk
for the day.

Rhode Island and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings
held in joint session at Worcester, Mass.

10 - 19 - 1968

Harold Myers and Willard Ware served as Clerks jointly.

The minutes of our last meeting and those for 10-20-1967 were read and approved with corrections. The Minute book which was in the hands of our friend, William Fink, at his decease has been found. But we have not found the minutes for Seventh Month 1966. (found - page 104 A)

The representatives to this Meeting are as follows:

Providence - Louisa White, F. Warren Howe, Harold W. Myers, Caleb Smith
North Dartmouth - Marion Goodwin and Thos. Noel Stern.
There were no representatives from Westerly.

The Treasurer's report was read. We have a balance on hand of $151.94 with $300 in the Scholarship Fund. The amount in the Washington Trust Company is $451.94. Forty dollars was given for the Avon Scholarship.

There was a collection taken as is customary in Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, which amounted to $31. This will be given to the China Camp Building Committee.

Our Spring Meeting will be held Fourth Month 19th at Woonsocket, R. I.

A letter from Sarah Gallagher in response to our greeting last time was read.

Edwin Hinshaw, our Youth Secretary, presented several books to be used with young people and the Magazine "Impact." He announced the Quaker Pilgrimage for Juniors and Seniors in High School to go to England and Europe in 1969. The China Camp Building Fund now stands at $11,000 in cash and pledges. It was suggested that participants in the China Camp program should be asked to report to our Meeting and their contribution duly reported in the Minutes. United Nations Seminars for young people were announced. Seminars for young people had been held at Moses Brown, Lincoln and Oak Grove Schools.

T. Noel Stern spoke of the Clark Fund of the Friends Education Council. Could our Youth Secretary move into projects made possible by this?

The old Committee on Arrangements is laid down. This year each host Meeting will provide the program for Quarterly Meeting.

Appointees are invited from any Monthly Meeting not now having members (or a member) on the Yearly Meeting Nominating and/or Finance Committee, who would sit with these Committees. Thomas Perry, Jr. is asked to serve for the Quarterly Meeting on the Finance Committee.

We now adjourn, purposing to meet at Woonsocket, R. I. in Fourth Month next.

Thyra Jane Foster

Thyra Jane Foster
Recording Secretary

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in joint session with Smithfield Quarterly Meeting at Woonsocket, Rhode Island on April 19, 1969.

Harold Myers, Clerk, presided at our business session which was held separately.

The representatives were: Providence - William O. Foster, Jeannette A. Smith, Helen T. Gifford and Edward A. White; North Dartmouth - Anne Lowry, Katherine Stern, T. Noel Stern; Westerly - A note from the acting clerk, Annette Watkins, informed us that there was no one able to come from that area.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. We have a balance on hand of $158.23, $50.00 of which was given to China Camp. There is $350. in the Scholarship Fund.

The statistical summary from the Monthly Meeting reports was read. We have a membership of

This report will be sent to the Yearly Meeting. T

The report of the Spiritual Condition of each meeting was presented. It is agreed to send the shorter reports from Westerly and North Dartmouth in full to the Yearly Meeting, together with a summary of the Providence report which has been read and approved.

Representatives named to the Yearly Meeting are T. Noel Stern, Edward A. White, Ruth C. Burgess, Mary S. Damarel. They will report back to their Monthly Meeting if the Yearly Meeting accepts proposed changes. Each of our Monthly Meetings is encouraged to appoint one additional representative.

This meeting endorses the union of our Quarterly Meeting with Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.

The two representatives to the Beacon Hill Corporation will be named at our next session.

Eric and Gladys Wyatt, English Friends, who have served in various places in Africa for 30 years have been welcomed at this session.

It has been proposed that a message should go from this meeting to our Senators at Washington and to President Nixon stating our objection to the Antiballistic Missile proposal. Our clerks will prepare such a message and it will be appended to these minutes.

Adjourned to a joint session with Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.

In joint session, we agree to forward a request to the Yearly Meeting for the union of our two Quarterly Meetings, with the understanding that all the Monthly Meetings will have another chance to consider the matter before the Yearly Meeting sessions in June, and to state objections, if any, in writing to the clerks. If the union is approved, we will appoint committees in 7th Month next to make the necessary arrangements about the funds and a new name.

Adjourned, purposing to meet at North Dartmouth in 7th Month, if the Lord permits.

Harold Myers, Clerk

Thyra Jane Foster, Recording Clerk

A copy

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Our sincere best wishes are with you. May our prayers attend you as you face the immense burdens of your high office.

Very sincerely thine,

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Clerk of R. I. Quarterly Meeting

7 Charles Street
Cranston, R. I. 02920

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A copy of letters sent to Senators Brooke and Kennedy of Mass. and Pastore and Pell of R. I.

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Very sincerely yours,

Harold Ayers
Clerk of R. I. Quarterly Meeting

Willard H. Ware
Clerk of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting

April 23, 1969

At Rhode Island and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings held in joint session 7/19/69 at North Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

The representatives to this meeting are from Providence: Helen Gifford, Samir Haddad, Millicent Foster, Louisa White and Werner Ostman; from North Dartmouth: Anne G. Lowry; from Westerly: no representatives were present.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved. The message about the antiballistic missile system which was authorized was sent to President Nixon, Senators Edward Brooke, Edward Kennedy, Claiborne Pell and John O. Pastore. It was read together with extracts from their answers. Senator Pastore was the only one in favor of such a system. Senator Brooke sent a copy of his address entitled "A Choice of Risks, the Dilemma of National Security", which was briefly reviewed.

A further message is authorized to be sent to President Nixon and these Senators, lamenting the slow progress of the peace talks at Paris and of our bringing troops home from Vietnam so slowly.

The Yearly Meeting approved the union of the two Quarterly Meetings and appointed Bessie Ewen, Virginia Townsend and Edward White to have care in the matter.

Bessie Ewen reported for the Yearly Meeting Committee that our procedure should be as follows:

Suitable historical minutes will be written by the clerks of each meeting laying down the present meetings, to be read at the appropriate time. A committee to nominate a clerk, assistant clerk and treasurer, to propose a name, to arrange for the handling of funds and records has been appointed: Henry Foster, Ruth Burgess, Samir Haddad, Elizabeth Jones, Eunice Strobel, Lauriston Smith, who will report at our next meeting. All present committees will serve until their successors are appointed.

We agree to meet at Providence in 10th month next; at Worcester in 4th month and at Westerly in 7th month, 1970.

The treasurer's report showed:

Income	$215.30	Disbursements	$50.00
	Balance to date:	$165.30	

The Scholarship Fund stands at $350.00.

It is agreed that a Christian Education Work Shop, being arranged by the two Quarterly Meetings with Caroline Pineo from Philadelphia as a resource person, will be held at Providence in the fall. $50.00 from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting will be used for her travel expenses.

The Quaker Meeting House Association at Uxbridge, Mass. offers the use of the Meeting House under their care for meetings.

Smithfield Friends announce a Lawn Party next First Day, the 26th, as a part of their 250th celebration. They paid tribute to Lloyd Arnold, who is moving to Tennessee and who has served as Superintendent of the Sunday School, on the Music Committee and on Ministry and Counsel very acceptably.

Hearty thanks were expressed to North Dartmouth Meeting for their hospitality.

Our interest in Friends Schools has been shown by two sessions here for discussion to undergird the Yearly Meeting concern which is being sent down to the Monthly Meetings. We asked our clerks to send a letter to the School Committee, telling of our action and requesting that a definite peace program as opposed to military contacts should be a part of the Schools' program. We also wish a letter sent to Peter Scott, new Headmaster at Moses Brown School, giving our greeting and pledging our cooperation.

We are happy to have as visitors Mary L. Shaffner, Headmistress of Lincoln School, Clay Skinberger from Storrs Meeting and member of Connecticut State Education system, Bob Higgins, a Methodist and student of Andover Newton Theological Seminary, and Ellsworth Napien from the Pleasant Street Meeting in Worcester.

We now adjourn, purposing to meet in Providence in 10th month and expecting to conclude the union of the two Quarterly Meetings.

Clerk

Recording Clerk Thyra Jane Foster

Closing Minute

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has had a long history, being the first Quarterly Meeting set up in New England in 1699; Smithfield Quarterly Meeting was set off from it in 1801.

Since 1965, we have been exploring the possibilities of union again with Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. In general our reasons for doing this coincided with the 1968 report of the Yearly Meeting's Committee for Quarterly Meeting Study, which suggests that it may be desirable to realign Quarterly Meetings:

1. for purposes of worship, fellowship and getting to know one another better as Friends;

2. to provide activities for children and Young Friends in larger groups;

3. to provide a meeting place where Friends from different sorts of Meetings can meet and learn from one another.

We now lay down this Quarterly Meeting which had a membership in 1967 of 304 persons, 186 of them resident, purposing to join with Smithfield Quarterly Meeting to form a new Quarterly Meeting, pending the report of the committee appointed at our last session. We intend giving our funds and our records into the care of the new Quarterly Meeting.

In so doing, we hope for renewed spiritual life and renewed devotion to the carrying out of those concerns which arise out of our spiritual exercise.

Recording Clerk - Thyra Jane Foster

At the call of Bessie Ewen, Chairman of the New England Yearly Meeting Committee on the merging of Rhode Island and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings, the meeting made up of the membership of the previous Rhode Island and Smithfield Quaryerly Meetings met for its first business meeting on October 18, 1969 at 1:30 p.m. at Providence Meeting House. Virginia Townsend, a member of Salem Quarterly Meeting served as temporary clerk.

The concluding minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting were read by Thyra Jane Foster. The minutes of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting were read by Elizabeth Jones.

The following names were brought in by the Nominating Committee and approved:

Clerk - Thyra Jane Foster
Recording Clerk - Elizabeth Jones
Treasurer - T. Noel Stern

Then Thyra Jane Foster took up the duties of clerk. Elizabeth Jones asked to be excused for this day because of an engagement, and Eunice Strobel was approved as Recording Clerk of the Day.

The NEYM committee proposed this schedule of meeting places for the next two years:

April 1970	Worcester
July 1970	Westerly
October 1970	Woonsocket
April 1971	Saylesville
July 1971	North Dartmouth
October 1971	Providence

The NEYM Committee proposed the name for the newly united Quarterly Meeting to be Blackstone Valley Quarterly Meeting.

On behalf of this committee, Henry Foster has asked Seth Gifford to clarify the terms governing the disposition of funds currently held by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. After some discussion, this Yearly Meeting Committee has been charged with bringing in recommendations as to disposing of the funds currently held by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. They are asked to consult with members of North Dartmouth and Westerly Meetings in regard to the Othniel Trip Fund and with members of Smithfield and Worcester Meetings in regard to the Stephen O. Aldrich Fund.

Roll of representatives was called:

Worcester: Elizabeth Jones
Letitia Jones
Clara Adams
Gregory Harrison
Leota Wadleigh
Russell Angell
All are present

Historical Notes presented at the Union of
Rhode Island and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings
to form Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting
10-18-1969

The large, well filled minute books of these two Quarterly Meetings and their constituent Monthly Meetings confirm the fact that they have been influential centers of Quakerism since the beginning of the eighteenth century.

Rhode Island Quarter was set up in 1699 and included all of southern New England's Meetings until Sandwich Quarter was set off in 1705. Rhode Island Monthly Meeting's Records begin in 1676 although a meeting existed in Newport in 1658.

Smithfield Quarter was established by Rhode Island Quarter in 1801. It eventually reached as far east as Mansfield, Massachusetts, and as far north as Richmond, New Hampshire. There was a Meeting at Saylesville in 1704 which became Smithfield Monthly Meeting in 1718. This Meeting set off Providence Monthly Meeting in 1783 and Lower Smithfield (Saylesville) was a part of it. The Upper Smithfield Meeting at Woonsocket, established 1719, then was known as Smithfield Monthly Meeting.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting Record books are extant with the exception of one men's book 1791-1836. This along with one Providence Monthly Meeting book of the same period are presumed destroyed.

Smithfield Quarter is unique in that all of its Woman's Records are extant, but its Men's Records from 1847 up to the current books have not been found.

Education has been of prime interest in both areas from the beginning. Christian Lodowic asked to start a school at Newport in 1684. In 1718, 500 George Fox Primers were ordered by the Rhode Island Quarter. Rachel Thayer of Smithfield in 1766 left money in her will for the education of poor children. This no doubt contributed to the school kept by Elisha Thornton, a beloved school master, in his house, while he cobbled shoes, at about that time. Job Scott, later a scholar and theologian, taught in Smithfield and Providence.

Agitation for a Friends Boarding School had come first in Smithfield Monthly Meeting perhaps due to the presence of Moses Brown who had become a member of Friends in 1774. When the Yearly Meeting Boarding School was finally about to be brought into being, Portsmouth, East Greenwich, Smithfield and Providence were considered as sites. In 1819 Providence was chosen, probably for the practical considerations that Moses Brown gave the land and that workmen could be more easily gotten in Providence.

Isaac Lawton was a first teacher at the Portsmouth Friends School, forerunner of Moses Brown School in 1784. He was also a Yearly Meeting Clerk. Thomas Battey, who died in 1931, was a science teacher at Friends School in Providence for 63 years. He was a native of Burrillville in Smithfield.

Other notables were Stephen Hopkins of Smithfield Meeting, ten times Governor of Rhode Island and signer of the United States Constitution; William Rotch, Junior, merchant in New Bedford around 1800, whose influence among Friends and elsewhere was very great; Arnold Buffum of Woonsocket Meeting, worker in anti-slavery causes; John Wilbur of South Kingston Meeting, staunch supporter of what he felt were original Quaker doctrines in the 1840's.

Richmond Meeting in Rhode Island was the first to send a paper up to Yearly Meeting against slavery.

It may come as a surprise to many people that the Friends Meetings in these areas did not always make use of music in their services, nor have paid pastors. Instrumental music appeared in Bible Schools about 1900 in Worcester, Woonsocket, and in 1916 in Providence, but was not at first used in the Meeting for Worship. Providence, Westerly, and North Dartmouth Meetings have always conducted their worship on the "basis of silent meditation." Thomas Y. Jackson was the first pastor in Sayles-ville in 1903; Emeline Tuttle was the pastor at Woonsocket in 1903 followed by Leander Fisher from 1906-1910. Earl Harold was first at Worcester where a pastor was hired "for the sake of the young people," some of whom, like Agnes Wheeler Harrison, did not favor it. However, it was judged to be a "wave of the future" at that time. Providence, Westerly and North Dartmouth Meetings never had pastors.

These Quarterly Meetings are unique in another way. Smithfield had no separation into "larger body" and "smaller body" in 1845 nor had any of its Monthly Meetings. Rhode Island Quarter had a "separation" and all of its Monthly Meetings had separations.

What we have done here today in joining these two Quarterly Meetings is another step in healing the breach that opened then.

Prepared by Thyra Jane Foster, Clerk
Rhode Island- Smithfield Quarterly Meeting

Smithfield: Melita Fisher
Lauriston Smith
Eunice Strobel
Ernest Smith
Ruth L. Smith
All are present

Providence: Ruth White
Edward White
Louisa White
Ambrose Myers
William Foster

Thyra Jane Foster spoke of historical background of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. Maps were used to help us see where meetings had been. Many have been laid down. Members asked that the interesting sidelights of history and other comments be included in these minutes and a copy sent to Louis Marstaller for use in the New England Friend.

A discussion was then held on the name of this new Quarterly Meeting. Friends seemed to be uncomfortable with the proposed, Blackstone Valley Quarterly Meeting, and it was decided to adopt the name, Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. Opening minute was changed to this new name.

The programs of each Quarterly Meeting session has been the responsibility of the host meeting. Discussion was held on future plans but no decision reached. Request was made that consideration be given to the Yearly Meeting Study of Quarterly Meetings.

Edwin Hinshaw sends us greetings from Worcester where he is helping in a work camp involving Providence and Worcester Young Friends at Oxford Street Meeting House. Russell Angell requests that Quarterly Meeting program include Young Friends activities on a regional basis.

A committee to be set up as follows - 2 members from each Monthly Meeting, names to reach our clerk before January 1, 1970, with Thyra Jane Foster as convenor - will be in charge of planning Quarterly Meeting sessions, being mindful to include activities for Young Friends in these sessions.

We are encouraged by reports of Young Friends activities, and we look forward to including them in our sessions. Russell Angell will take our concerns to the work camp this evening.

At the Quarterly Meeting sessions held in North Dartmouth in July, it was decided to send letters to the members of the Yearly Meeting Schools Committee and to Peter Mott, Headmaster of Moses Brown School. These letters were read at this time and discussion followed. There was divergence of opinion but the feeling of those present seemed to be that individual members of the School Committee should exert influence towards more Quaker witness as stated by the Yearly Meeting.

A letter was read from the White House in regard to antiballistic missiles.

Treasurer's reports to be included in the concluding minutes.

Visitors to the Quarterly Meeting session include Louis Marstaller, Philip Cornell and Virginia Townsend.

Gregory Harrison spoke to the Scholarship Plan on behalf of the Minute 74 Committee. This is to be referred to a later session after discussions have been held at the Monthly Meeting level.

Meeting was concluded, purposing to meet in Worcester, April 1970.

Clerk - Thyra Jane Foster

Recording Clerk for the Day - Eunice E. Strobel

Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held 4th Month 18, 1970 at Worcester.

The Clerk, Thyra Jane Foster, called the roll of representatives after a period of silent worship.

Worcester:	Herman Patt Joan Plumb Gregory Harrison Leota Wadleigh Letitia Jones
Providence:	Henry Foster Thyra Jane Foster Caleb Smith
Westerly:	Lincoln Watkins Annette Watkins
Smithfield:	Bessie Ewen Ruth Smith Lauriston Smith Melita Fisher
No. Dartmouth:	Albert Hill Shirley Hill Marion Goodwin

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer, T. Noel Stern, reported a balance on hand of $557.30.

It was reported by Caleb Smith that $636.00 has been collected from meetings and individuals for the Worcester Neighborhood Fund. This action was initiated by the Executive Council and was reported as a matter of interest at this meeting.

The Yearly Meeting Committee charged with bringing in recommendations for disposal of funds currently held in the name of the two Quarterly Meetings previously known as Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, namely, the Stephen Aldrich Fund and the Othniel Trip Fund, are to continue functioning.

The report of the Quarterly Meeting Planning Committee was read and approved.

Jeannette Smith, chairman, gave a report of the Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel interim committee. Each Monthly Meeting should name two members to the new Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel committee that would meet when it saw fit - not ordinarily at times of Quarterly Meeting sessions. This was approved. Jeannette Smith will serve as convenor.

Louis Marsatller spoke to the new arrangement for appointing a new Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel committee. The following representatives were named to the Ministry and Counsel Interim Committee:

Robert Cool
Jeannette Smith

The following were named to the Ministry and Counsel at Yearly Meeting:

Eunice Strobel
T. Noel Stern
Margaret Angell

The statistics of each Monthly Meeting were read, indicating a total membership of 488 during 1969, as compared with 520 in 1968. There was a declinc in membership in all but two Monthly Meetings.

The historical notes of the Rhode Island Quarter and the Smithfield Quarter are available. There were expressions of gratitude to Thyra Jane Foster for preparing these very interesting facts.

The "Spiritual Condition" or "State of Society" reports were read and it was approved that a summary of these reports will be prepared by our clerk and sent to the Yearly Meeting.

Appointments to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee of the Yearly Meeting were made as follows:

For one year:	William Foster
For two years:	Gregory Harrison

The following appointments to the Beacon Hill Friends Corporation were made and approved:

For one year:	Harold Myers
	Albert Hill
For two years:	William Foster
	Elizabeth Jones

After some discussion as to how best to contribute to China Camp and to the Equalization Fund, it was approved that a collection plate be placed in the vestibule for those who wish to contribute in this way, and the funds collected in this way will be matched from the Quarterly Meeting treasury.

It was proposed and approved that the Quarterly Meeting give $100. from its treasury toward the Yearly Meeting's deficit.

The meeting approved waiting until our next session of Quarterly Meeting before making a decision to give money toward the Worcester Neighborhood Project, particularly because the Model Cities funds may be available by that time.

Louis Marstaller, our Field Secretary, was welcomed and spoke to us about several items of interest. He reports that China Camp has a good staff lined up, but that they do need more enrollees. The Friends Home in Hingham has a place available, also, for some older person, preferably a Friend. Plans for the Yearly Meeting program are just about completed, he reports. And from the Friends United Meeting he brings us word that a program for C.O.'s is being readied for working out with the various Yearly Meetings that comprise the Friends United Meeting.

Thyra Jane Foster announced that the Archives Committee of the Yearly Meeting has decided to move its items to the Rhode Island Historical Society in Providence where they will be carefully preserved.

The visitors were welcomed and included Louis Marstaller, Ernest and Esther Weed and many young people who have been participating in their own program for the day - walking through the underprivileged neighborhood surrounding the Worcester Meeting to see what they could see and report.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, we adjourned, after a few moments of silent worship, purposing to meet next in Seventh Month in Westerly.

Thyra Jane Foster, Clerk

Elizabeth L. Jones, Recording Clerk

Three college students who work with the recreation program and the tutoring program at the Worcester Meeting presented their views of these programs. They left no doubt with us that each of them is most enthusiastic about his share in these programs, feeling that what it offers him is as much if not more than what it offers the neighborhood children. They each feel that the one-to-one relationship is the most effective.

The Young Friends who toured the neighborhood earlier in the day reported on their findings. They were interested in the variations in prices in the small neighborhood stores as compared with prices outside of this particular neighborhood. They felt that these people were being taken advantage of. They also expressed the feeling that they were looked upon and treated as strangers as they walked around, but that they felt that the people were justified in treating them in that way because they definitely did not belong there.

Members of Quarterly Meeting expressed their pleasure and gratitude to these young people who have been with us today. They helped to make the sessions much more vital than they sometimes are.

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Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held Tenth Month, 17, 1970 at Smithfield Meetinghouse after Meeting for Worship held at the Uxbridge Meetinghouse because of its 200th anniversary this year.

Representatives were recorded as follows:

Worcester:	Letitia D. Jones Leota Wadleigh Margaret Angell Elizabeth L. Jones
Smithfield	Eunice Strobel Ernest Smith Ruth Smith Lauriston Smith - absent
Providence	Harold Myers Del T. Upton Edward White Ruth White Thyra Jane Foster
North Dartmouth	Alice Gidley Harry Goodwin Marion Goodwin T. Noel Stern Katherine Stern Lenore Evans - absent Ruth Burgess - absent
Westerly	No representatives reported

The Clerk reported that telegrams were sent to the senators from Rhode Island and Massachusetts as directed at the last Quarterly Meeting, and that answers had been received, all of which were in agreement with our viewpoint on the Vietnam war, the ABM funds, the McGovern-Hatfield amendment and Mirv.

The treasurer reported that the balance was the same as the last report.

The Meeting approved the appointment of Edward White and Caleb Smith as auditors of the treasurer's books.

Henry Foster reported on his investigation of the Othniel Tripp fund. The attorney, Seth Gifford, sees nothing in the way of the new Quarterly Meeting using these funds, which funds had been designated as not to be used by believers in Gurney and Hicks, and that the Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting is not made up of followers of either of these early Quakers.

The Stephen Aldrich Fund from the former Smithfield Quarterly Meeting should be looked into to see if the present Quarterly Meeting can use it legally. Elizabeth L. Jones will assume this responsibility.

The new Quarterly Meeting is authorized to appoint new trustees, as vacancies occur, to the Othniel Tripp Fund.

The original committee to investigate funds of both Quarterly Meetings is to continue in regard to the Stephen Aldrich Fund.

It was suggested and approved that a contribution of $10.00 be given to the Uxbridge Meetinghouse Association for the use of the building for Meeting for Worship with an accompanying suitable letter from the treasurer.

Visitors welcomed included: Abram Sangrey, Associate Secretary of the N. E. Regional Office of the AFSC; Nancy Upton from Providence; William Henkel, pastor at Smithfield Meeting; Edwin Hinshaw, Young Friends Secretary and Joseph Wadleigh from Worcester.

A suggestion was made and approved that the Planning Committee of the Quarterly Meeting ask the special sub-committee of the Executive Council of the Yearly Meeting and/or the Peace and Social Concerns Committee of the Yearly Meeting to send someone to inform us of what the Yearly Meeting is doing about the commitment made to aid the Victims of Prejudice and Poverty.

It was suggested that the Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel consider having a special Quarterly Meeting conference between now and the next Quarterly Meeting in April if something of particular importance comes up, especially in regard to this Yearly Meeting project. At the same time, the Quarterly Meeting authorized a contribution of $100.00 toward this Fund, but that this matter is to be held open to permit a larger contribution later as the need arises and is made manifest.

It was good to hear that friends from North Dartmouth, Allen's Neck, Westport, Mattapoisett and Providence Meetings have been meeting with particular concern for the recent "uprising" in New Bedford.

Upon mutual agreement, it was decided that a collection would not be taken publicly, but that individuals are encouraged to contribute to Quarterly Meeting as they see fit.

Margaret Angell reported on the Model Cities Project in Worcester. The paid help and the volunteer help are inspired leaders and are helping to carry on the many activities involved. It seems to be filling a real need in that area. About 200 children are involved. Appreciation is expressed to the Angells and the Worcester Meeting for their leadership in this work.

Ed Hinshaw reported on China Camp - it was a very good year, and the year htere is being extended somewhat, from early spring to late fall, having been open not only to Friends, but also to some inner city young people. The directors this year have been hired already for next year. Also, the camp has acquired more preperty to the north - beautiful woodlot which will be good for family camping.

Ed Hinshaw also reported on the 11th Triennial Session of the Friends World Committee in Sweden. The approximately 200 delegates made up

the largest group that has ever attended these sessions. A large number of young people were there. He felt that there was a great need for us to think internationally - that we need to be world citizens, being ever mindful of our own culture and society. There were no Cubans or French men there, but interestingly enough there were 3 delegates from East Germany. Ed felt that it would be extremely worthwhile if someway different Friends could be delegates to these sessions - very obviously money is the big factor.

Words of appreciation to Woonsocket Friends were expressed for their gracious hospitality.

After a few moments of silent worship, we adjourned, purposing to meet next, Fourth Month in Saylesville.

Thyra Jane Foster - Clerk
Elizabeth L. Jones - Recording Clerk

Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held Fourth Month, 17, 1971 in Saylesville.

The meeting opened with a few moments of silent worship, after which Thyra Jane Foster told us some very interesting historical items, such as,- Moses Brown was a member of this Saylesville Meeting; that Elisha Thornton cobbled shoes and boarded children; that Friends in this area were very much interested in education; that during the Revolutionary War Friends refused to pay war taxes - as a matter of fact 267 people were involved in this effort in the Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

Representatives were recorded as follows:

North Dartmouth:	Alice Gidley Shirley Hill
Providence:	Caroline Price Edward White Ruth White Harold Myers
Smithfield	Lauriston Smith Ruth C. Smith Melita Fisher Bessie Ewen
Worcester	Marion Bucknam Clara Adams Herman Patt Margaret Angell Russell Angell Letitia Jones Elizabeth L. Jones

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of #338.29.

The meeting approved sharing our funds as follows:

China Camp	$ 50
Equalization Fund	50
Victims of Prejudice and Poverty (Minute #60)	100
Yearly Mtg. Deficit	50

Elvie Ramsdell, trustee of the Stephen Aldrich Fund sent a report indicating that the total amount in the fund at the present time is $6,399.86. She is still looking into the original purpose and designated use that should be made of this fund. More report will come at a later date.

Statistical reports from all Monthly Meetings within the Quarter have been received by the clerk with the exception of Westerly. The clerk will summarize them when that report arrives. A decrease in membership has been noted in all meetings, thus far, with the exception of Providence.

A memorial was read on Ann Gidley Lowry. Flushing, Long Island Monthly Meeting also has written a memorial. Both of these memorials, having been approved, will be forwarded to the New England Yearly Meeting.

The STATE OF SOCIETY reports were read. There appeared to have been a real effort made at self description on the part of each meeting. There were no reports, however, from Westerly or Bolton. Concern was expressed that Westerly does not participate in Quarterly Meeting. There seems to be some feeling that this lack of participation is probably due to the age of the members of that meeting.

Concern was also expressed that the reports of the State of Society do not reflect the good things that are happening in meetings, particularly in Providence where they are greatly encouraged by the great number of young people attending. At the same time, Worcester is mentioned as going through some very trying times right now, with the very real possibility of selling their Meetinghouse and Friends Center next door - a very difficult decision for them, but apparently a very necessary decision. Love and sympathy were expressed for the Worcester Friends.

It was hoped that the clerk will incorporate in her summary of the reports some optimistic aspects, as well.

Noel Stern raises the question as to the advisability of joining forces with the Sandwich Quarter.

Katharine Stern reports for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee of the Yearly Meeting that a lot of C.O.'s, not Quakers, are going to need jobs of social significance.

In a discussion concerning programs for subsequent Quarterly Meetings, it was approved that the host meeting will plan the program. The clerk of Quarterly Meeting will see that this is done. An invitation to the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting to join us will be left up to North Dartmouth Friends.

The following were appointed to be the Nominating Committee for officers for the coming year: Henry Foster
Elizabeth Jones
Bessie Ewen

A letter from George Selleck was read in which he wrote that there are 13 to 27 regular attenders at the Nantucket Friends Meeting. They meet in the library. The clerk of our Quarter is asked to acknowledge this letter, encouraging Nantucket Friends in their new, revived meeting, suggesting that they might affiliate with a larger group of Friends as the way opens, and to send reports of progress to Providence.

Appointments made and approved to the Beacon Hill Corporation are as follows:

Two years Caleb Smith
Gregory Harrison

One year William Foster
Elizabeth Jones

Louis Marstaller was welcomed as a visitor today.

Noel Stern suggested and urged that this Quarterly Meeting send its concern for the current Calley trial and all its ramifications to the President and Senators from Massachusetts and Rhode Island, to include the following:

1. That we deplore deeply the murder of civilians by Lt. Calley.
2. That we equally deplore the killing of other civilians in Indo China.
3. That we recognize that all Americans share a measure of responsibility for the killing in Vietnam and other countries where we have soldiers.
4. Therefore, we urge the government to withdraw all ground, air and naval forces from Indo China along with military facilities and equipment.

After a period of worship, the meeting adjourned, purposing to meet next Seventh Month in North Dartmouth.

Russell and Margaret Angell showed slides and told us of their very exciting trip to South America where their daughter and husband are serving in the Peace Corps.

Thyra Jane Foster, Clerk
Elizabeth L. Jones, Recording Clerk

These minutes should have followed 4th Month 1970 Minutes.

Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held Seventh Month 18, 1970 in Westerly, Rhode Island.

Representatives were read and recorded as follows:

Worcester:	Letitia Jones Elizabeth Jones Joan Plumb - absent Gregory Harrison Betty Bullerwell
Smithfield:	Loristan Smith Ruth Smith Melita Fisher Bessie Ewen - absent
Providence:	Caleb Smith Jeannette Smith Thyra Jane Foster Henry Foster Barbara Haddad - absent Samir Haddad Louisa White
North Dartmouth:	Henry Stevens - absent T. Noel Stern Marion Goodwin
Westerly:	Thomas Perry Margaret Taylor Harvey Perry Joanne Perry Howard Schlers

All present though perhaps not official

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Caleb Smith reported that there are three or four openings at the Home in Hingham, as well as some openings at the last session of China Camp.

Jean Smith reports that the following members have been appointed to the Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel:

From Providence:	F. Warren Howe William Foster Harold Myers, alternate
Smithfield:	Melita Fisher Ruth Smith
Worcester:	Margaret Angell Leota Wadleigh
No. Dartmouth:	T. Noel Stern Catherine Stern
Westerly:	Annette Watkins

Catherine Stern, as chairman of the new Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel reports for the committee. It is suggested that the Quarterly Meeting be held Tenth Month 17 at Uxbridge Meetinghouse instead of Woonsocket, inasmuch as the Uxbridge Meetinghouse is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year. The topic for the day will be "Service". Woonsocket Friends will provide beverages. This suggestion was approved.

Thyra Jane Foster asks if we would like to hear the Angells report on their trip to South America last summer. Tom Stern suggested that we also hear a report on the Neighborhood Project at the same time. This suggestion will be turned over to the Worcester Friends and Ministry and Counsel.

Margaret Angell reports on the Inner City Project (Model Cities) in Worcester which started officially on June 15. It is going full swing from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and often longer. There is a big staff working, including three teacher nuns. They take frequent trips to state parks, circus and movies at the Center. A nearby Baptist church is cooperating, as well as Catholics and Jews. There is a great deal of dedication manifest in the group of workers.

Visitors were welcomed and included Ann Armstrong from New Swarthmore Group, New York, and our Field Secretary, Louis Marstaller.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of $467.19. Caleb Smith suggested that the books of the treasurer should be audited before the next Quarterly Meeting.

Regarding the Othniel Trip Fund, it was agreed that the committee appointed in July 1969 should get legal help and pay for cost to clear up this matter.

Thyra Jane Foster reported that she had received a note from the Mt. Toby Meeting asking for information about Pelham Meeting. She investigated and found out that it was established in 1813 on a trial basis for one year. It was renewed for another year, but in 1821 the Meeting was laid down because of "irregularity". The Richmond, N. H. minutes are lost, so from 1835 on there is no information.

Louisa White suggests giving $100 to Yearly Meeting from this Quarterly Meeting. This was approved.

After some discussion, it was agreed that there would be no collection taken today, but that it might be at another time.

Millicent Foster reported that Elizabeth Boardman of the American Friends Service Committee is asking for the FCNL that letters and telegrams be sent this weekend to Washington, particularly about cutting off the Vietnam war, cutting ABM funds, the McGovern-Hatfield amendment and against Mirv. The senators need to know that peace-minded people are concerned. It was approved that the Q.M. clerk be authorized to send telegrams today from the Quarterly Meeting to the senators from Rhode Island and Massachusetts. This was not to suggest that individuals should not send telegrams themselves. In fact, this was strongly urged.

It was suggested that cards be sent to Friends who could not be with us today: Elizabeth Foster, Ann Lowry, Sara Gallagher, and Alice Gidley. The recording clerk will assume this reponsibility.

Louis Marstaller reports that China Camp needs more campers for the next two sessions. The directors are doing a good job, and they need encouragement.

Gregory Harrison reports on the Nominating Committee. The committee appointed by the Quarterly Meeting should continue until further notice, but monthly meetings should be making these appointments.

The meeting concluded with a few moments of silent worship, purposing to meet next in Uxbridge in Tenth Month.

Thyra Jane Foster, Clerk

Elizabeth L. Jones, Rec. Clerk

RHODE ISLAND-SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING 7/17/1971

With 16 Friends in attendance, the Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting gathered in the North Dartmouth, Mass., meeting house for a worship service at 11 a.m., Saturday 7th Month 17, 1971. In the afternoon the business meeting convened. Thyra Jane Foster, clerk, was assisted by Robert N. Cool, recording clerk for the day. Present were Smithfield representatives Lauriston Smith, Ruth C. Smith, Bessie Ewen and Robert Cool; Providence representatives Henry Foster, Thyra Jane Foster and Louise Cool; North Dartmouth representatives Marion Goodwin, Harry Goodwin, Herbert Stevens and Ruth Burgess.

The clerk spoke on the importance of individual lives, and their records, in small meetings where the corporate minutes often seem to have little to report.

The spiritual condition report of Providence Monthly Meeting was read and approved. A copy of a memorial to Ann Gidley Lowry will be incorporated in these minutes. T. Noel Stern, treasurer, will send an updated financial report to be incorporated in the minutes. A report on the Stephen Aldrich Fund is postponed until next meeting.

Henry Foster for the nominating committee proposed as new clerk of the Quarterly Meeting, Robert N. Cool, as ~~recording~~ assistant clerk, Harold Myers, as treasurer, T. Noel Stern. These names were a pproved.

It was agreed that the October meeting will be held in Providence; April in Woonsocket and July in Westerly.

The clerk reported that the Worcester Meeting is believed to have sold its building, and is meeting in an Advent church, hoping to build a new meeting house soon. An auction will be held to sell furniture Eighth month ~~Aug.~~ 12. ~~Ninth month~~

A letter from Margaret E. Ware, clerk of the Bolton Meeting, states that the membership is down to 14 including 5 non-residents. The others are attending a Federated church, and the meeting house is in Old Sturbridge Village as a museum. The Quarterly Meeting is asked to lay down the Bolton Monthly Meeting. This was approved, and ~~the Committee on Ministry and Counsel will wor~~ Gregory Harrison agreed to work with Elizabeth Jones as a committee to ~~help lay down the Bolton Monthly Meeting~~ bring this about and help transfer its members, if so desired by them.

The clerk read answers received from Congressmen who had been sent communications regarding peace and the Calley case. Katherine Stern warmed of Congressmen who express a desire for U.S. withdrawal from Viet Nam but who are not averse to military involvement in other parts of Asia. It was decided that a discussion of President Nixon's proposed visit to Pekin will be deferred until the October meeting; meanwhile Katherine Stern, Ruth Burgess and Louise Cook ~~and others~~ will "watch" developments and bring in a report at our next meeting.

In line with changes made at Yearly Meeting, it was agreed that the Committee on Ministry and Counsel will be made a ~~Monthly Meeting~~ Quarterly Meeting committee. Each monthly meeting will be asked to name at least one member, the names to be submitted at the next Quarterly Meeting.

Discussion of Yearly Meeting commenced.

T. Noel Stern suggested that business matters be taken up throughout Yearly Meeting instead of being "bottled up" at the end, as was done this year. Harold Myers and T. Noel Stern were asked to write a minute containing this suggestion for submission to the next Quarterly Meeting.

Gregory Harrison reported that at Yearly Meeting a proposal to make a majority of the school trustees non-Friends was widely discussed. This led to an expression of views on the subject of Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools. It was decided that this lively discussion ~~shall~~ should be continued at the next Quarterly Meeting in order to cast further light on the schools and their relation to the Yearly Meeting. The position of Friends in relation to education should also be a matter for continued consideration.

In closing, a silence was observed in memory of ~~two Quarterly Meeting members:~~ Alice Wilbur Gidley, a lifetime member of the North Dartmouth Meeting and long its treasurer; and Lloyd C. Arnold who headed the committee of ministry and counsel and directed the First Day School ~~monthly meetings~~ of the North Smithfield Meeting. Both will be much missed.

The meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again at 11 a.m. on the 16th of 10th Month, 1971, at Providence.

Robert N. Cool

Robert N. Cool

Recording Clerk of the day

Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held 10th Month 16, 1971 in Providence, Rhode Island

Representatives are: From North Dartmouth: Marion Goodwin and Ruth Burgess; from Providence: Ruth Kellam, Mary Myers and Thyra Jane Foster; from Smithfield: Melita Fisher, Nellie Fisher, Martha Smith, and Bessie Owen; and from Worcester: Clara Adams, Letitia Jones, Gregory Harrison, and Elizabeth Jones.

No representatives were present from Westerly.

The minutes of the Seventh month Meeting were read and approved.

T. Noel Stern, the Treasurer, presented the financial report, as follows: Balance on hand, Fourth Month 17, 1971: $ 338.29; receipts: since (4/17/71) $ 93.34; expenditures: authorized in the Fourth Month Meeting: China Camp Fund $ 50, Equalization Fund $ 50, Minute 60 $ 100, and Yearly Meeting General Fund $ 50. Total expenditures $ 250. Balance on hand: $ 181.63. The Treasurer accounts were audited and found correct by Caleb Smith , February 4, 1971.

Gregory Harrison, named in Seventh month to visit the Bolton Monthly Meeting relative to the request for laying it down , reported as follows: There appears to be no objection to laying it down; eight of the remaining members will ask Worcester Meeting to accept them as non-resident members; the remaining two have indicated a desire to have their names dropped from the membership list; the Meeting owns neither buildings nor land; cash in the Meeting's treasury of about $ 500 is to be sent to the Yearly Meeting Treasurer; Minute Books are to be brought up to date and sent to the Yearly Meeting archives. "They do wish to have at least one more Monthly Meeting, to which I have asked to be invited, so that I do not recommend that we take formal action at today's Quarterly Meeting."

The Clerk read a minute which had been adopted Tenth Month 10, 1971 by the North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting and sent to us by its clerk, Katherine K. Stern:

"North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting recommends to Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting that the Quarterly Meeting write to the Permanent Board of New England Yearly Meeting, requesting that the eight-member Joint Study Committee on the Yearly Meeting Schools be continued until next Yearly Meeting to further explore all possible alternatives concerning the future of the two schools."

After some discussion, the following minute was agreed upon: The Quarterly Meeting agreed to transmit a minute received from the North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting with the hope that the Permanent Board will act in such a way as to encourage unity and discussion on the part of the Yearly Meeting in relation to the Schools.

The clerk was directed to forward these minutes to the Permanent Board.

Report from Worcester Meeting: Property on the market. Objections widespread against razing buildings for a parking lot. No buyers or bidders at the moment. Property is in excellent shape. Meetings at present are held at the Center.

Ann DeNevers, a member of Woonsocket Meeting, will speak of her experiences in counseling girls at the close of the business session. The meeting wishes to record a minute of appreciation of her speaking to us today.

A minute of appreciation is extended to Providence Friends for their warm hospitality.

There was an interested, spirited discussion of our two Providence Friends schools.

Our business being concluded, we adjourn purposing to meet again in Fourth Month in Woonsocket, if the Lord permit.

Robert Cool, Clerk Harold Myers, Recording Clerk

Robert W. Cool

ALICE W. GIDLEY

Alice Wilbur Gidley, a guiding light in North Dartmouth Meeting, passed away unexpectedly the 23rd of June, 1971. She served the meeting as Treasurer for 42 years, and as Elder for about as long. It is principally due to her faithfulness that the North Dartmouth Meeting has been preserved unbroken until the present day. Although a small meeting, the question of laying it down was never considered, even though at times only two families were regular attenders. She was heard to say on more than one occasion, "We must be sure to keep our little meeting going." Her faithful attendance and friendliness to everyone has been an inspiring example to other members, whose number has steadily increased in recent years.

Born January 21, 1884, she was a member of the outstanding family of Job Scott and Susanna Tucker Gidley, a family will known and active among New England Friends, as well as in the local community.

Alice's place in the community may be illustrated by many years of service as Librarian of the North Dartmouth Public Library, by the presidency of the South Bristol Farmers' Club for several years, by membership in the Smith Mills Travellers Club, and by the librarianship of Fairhaven High School until she retired.

She watched and fed birds, and always had flowers blooming in the house as well as in the garden. She was a friend to all about her.

(Minute adopted 1/23/72 by N. Dartmouth, Mass. Monthly Mtg.
Katherine K. Stern, Clerk

Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly, held in Woonsocket, R. I., Fourth Month 15, 1972.

Representatives named to attend this meeting are: from North Dartmouth: Ruth Burgess and Thomas Noel Stern; from Providence: Harold and Mary Myers, and Barbara Haddad; from Smithfield: Martha Smith, Lauriston Smith, and Marjorie Doyle; from Worcester: Clara Adams, Marion Bucknam , Letitia D. Jones, and Elizabeth L. Jones. All are present except four. Westerly Monthly Meeting was not represented. Additions: Providence: William Foster; Smithfield: Laura and Leslie Follett

Report of Margaret E. Ware, Clerk of Bolton Monthly Meeting. All steps for the discontinuance of the meeting are completed. Requests for the transfer of memberships have been attended to. The following action was approved: a. Sending $200 to Worcester Monthly meeting to be applied toward that meeting's annual assessment to the Yearly Meeting b. The paying of $200 to the First Congregational Church, Berlin, Mass., as stipulated in the Henry A. Wheeler Legacy c. The remainder of a total of about $500 to be sent to the treasurer of New England Yearly Meeting The report included a note of appreciation for Gregory Harrison's assistance in the discontinuance proceedings. Records to be sent to Archives.

The concluding minute: "The Meeting for business was concluded. This was our final act as the Bolton Monthly Meeting of Friends."

Ernest Smith

Memmorial to Leota Schoff Wadleigh:

Leota Schoff Wadleigh, a member of Worcester Monthly Meeting, died First Month 9th, 1972. Her life as a teacher was very productive. While her meeting interests were all-inclusive, her particular love was custodian of the books- the meeting library. Her final act for the meeting, an overwhelming task of cataloguing 865 books, was accomplished just weeks before she died, despite an awareness of her imminent death and the grave illness of her husband. She served most capably on the Yearly Meeting School Committee for Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools and the Permanent Board of the Yearly Meeting. She possessed keen insight, was cheerful, kind,considerate, and loving.

Martha Smith was asked to inform Stewart Smith that the Meeting desired that he prepare a memorial minute for Russell Brooks.

Reports on spiritual condition:

North Dartmouth: the meeting has gained strength and vitality, as shown by an increasing number of habitual and occasional attenders, young people especially from S M U. An inadequate financial base and extensive committee work and special projects severely tax the limited membership. Some thought has been given to the moving of the meetinghouse from noisy Route 6 to a quieter location, nearer S M U preferably. Added young people are our hope. Members of the meeting have been active in social concerns, as the Quaker Caucus, and court monitoring. Our unprogrammed meeting for worship provides spiritual strength to all who attend.

Providence presented a lengthy report: meetings for worship are highly meditative; vocal ministry is generally the outgrowth of the silence; at times, "opening our hearts to the indwelling Spirit of Christ". Things of passing value are sometimes imposed; often a fellowship resulting from the tender regard for the leadings of the Spirit is very evident; a sense of divine guidance seems to activate the members; too few take part in the business of the meeting;a beloved community is the imperative need; intervisitation in homes is recommended.

Activities: three classes in the First Day School; an introduction of strangers at the rise of the

meeting for worship; a social hour following meeting; group singing and adult discussions; a busy library "staff"; a few most faithful sewers; court monitoring and a cooperative endeavor to implement concerns of the American Friends Service Committee. Recent additions to membership include three members of the Moses Brown faculty. The Rhode Island Boat, a **weekly letter** by Robert Cool, is making a significant impact on the influence of Friends. A series of meetings in Saylesville have had far-reaching results.

Smithfield: William Henkel and Douglas Anderson have supplied valuable pastoral leadership; and although they are not Friends, they appreciate the place of silence and meditation in worship. Having a resident pastor means much to the meeting. New regular attenders have been attracted to the meeting.

Outreach: a counseling service, a clinic, is a source of hope and concern for the future. It is open weekly. Referrals are supplied by schools, doctors, psychologists, and clergy. A girl scout troop makes use of the meeting's recreational facilities. Indifference, poorly attended meetings, and complacency are glaring weaknesses.

Westerly: There are fourteen adult members; a new family, the Bommers, have become members, and add greatly to the spirit of the meeting and First Day School. Providence Friends have attended with some regularity. Their contribution is much appreciated. A membership of elderly Friends prevents a more active Quarterly Meeting participation.

Worcester: the weight of too much property has been lifted; the property has been sold and we enjoy an unprogrammed meeting for worship at the Worcester Council of Churches. Our concerns now are spiritually oriented. There are twelve regular attenders; eight new members have been received from Bolton Monthly Meeting, noe laid down. Two young people contemplate joining the meeting. Death and illness have decreased our activities and outreach.

Future plans include a permanent meetingplace and increased fellowship with Pleasant Street Friends. We rejoice in the vitality and faithfulness of the few. As a paid leadership is no longer necessary, added sharing results; a warmer spiritual quality prevails.

The following report by our treasurer, T. Noel Stern, is approved:

Balance, August 13, 1971	$ 181.63
Checks from Tripp Fund	52.50
Interest (June '71 to Nov. '71)	9.14
Cash on hand 4/15/72	$ 243.27

Approved contributions are:

$ 100.00 Scholarship assistance to China Camp
$ 100.00 Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund

T. Noel Stern and Eunice Strobel are asked to draft a communication to President Richard M. Nixon commending him for his efforts toward World Peace in China and Russia, yet deploring the bombing in Southeast Asia. Letters of a similar sort are to be sent to the United States senators in Rhode Island and Massachussets.

The warm generosity of Woonsocket Friends is again much appreciated.

Our business being concluded, we adjourn purposing to meet again in Westerly in Seventh Month, if the Lord permit.

Robert Cool, Clerk Harold Myers, Recording Clerk
Robert N. Cool,

Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, held in Westerly, R. I., Seventh Month 15, 1972

Representatives from North Dartmouth are Marion Goodwin and T. Noel Stern; from Providence, Katherine Perry, William Foster, Millicent Foster and Thyra Jane Foster; from Smithfield, Laurfston Smith, Ruth Smith, Eunice Strobel, and Bessie Ewen; from Westerly, Deborah Warren. Worcester representatives were unable to attend. Last minute developments prevented their attending.

Minutes of the Fourth Month meeting were approved following the addition of the following minute: The Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel, consisting of all members of local members of Ministry and Counsel, will meet either upon the call of a local meeting of Ministry and Counsel, or by the Quarterly Meeting. Requests for a meeting of the Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel are to be made to the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting, who is the convenor. The presiding clerk shall be named from among those present; and the following correction: At our last meeting Paul Adkins' lecture was entitled: Archeological Studies in the Holy Land.

Later in the meeting Louisa White praised Paul Adkins as a man and speaker. Those who heard his lecture were very appreciative. Robert Cool, Clerk, is asked to send him a note of appreciation.

A memorial to Thomas Perry, prepared by the Westerly Monthly, was read. Friends requested that additions be made. Deborah Warren is asked to prepare this and forward with the original to the Permanent Board. The memorial in its final form appears in our minutes.

Woonsocket Friends will find out if Stuart Smith, who was asked to prepare a memorial for Russell Brooks, has written it.

A nominating committee consisting of Bessie Ewen, Thyra Jane Foster, and T. Noel Stern, is to bring forward names of officers to serve for the following year.

Two replies to letters sent to President Nixon by the clerk at the request of our Fourth Month meeting were read. Both were signed by Ronald L. Elliot, Deputy Special Assistant to the President. These were appreciative of our commending the President for his efforts toward more amicable relations with China **but less so of our bombing remonstrance.**

T. Noel Stern, the treasurer, presented the following report:

Cash on hand 4/14/72	$ 243.27
Received from the Tripp Fund	26.25
Interest (12Month, 71-Fifth Mo. '72)	6.11
Total receipts	$ 275.63

Expenditures:	China Camp	$ 100.00
	Equalization Fund	$ 100.00
		$ 200.00

Current balance on hand (7/14/72) $ 75.63
Within a couple of weeks the current balance will be slightly over $ 100.00.

The Clerk introduced Eric, Charlotte and Karl Schoonover of the newly formed meeting at Kingston, Rhode Island. This meeting was informed of the promising developments at the University of Rhode Island.

In the discussion entitled Friends Testimonies following the business session, the question of the effectiveness of the Quarterly Meeting was raised. Some Friends felt giving up all of Seventh Day may account for many not attending. A suggestion that our meetings be held on First Days was favorably considered. No action, however, was taken.

The usual generous hospitality of Westerly Friends is much appreciated.

Our business being concluded, we adjourn, purposing to meet in P rovidence in Tenth Month, if the Lord permit.

Robert Cool, Clerk Harold Myers, Recording Clerk

Robert N. Cool

THOMAS PERRY

The absence of a dear friend who has gone on has always with it a feeling of gratitude for a life that has meant much to many people. So it is with a sense of thankfulness that the members of Westerly Monthly Meeting recall that for many years Thomas Perry was a member of our meeting.

To our meeting he gave a gentle, self-effacing, and devoted guidance. As with Robert Louis Stevenson "the day was no longer than his kindness". His cheerfulness, warmth of heart, and humor were with us to give a sense of perspective. And we knew that no matter how inclement the weather he would be at meeting. The quiet hour gave him the strength for the week ahead which he found in his communion with God.

We remember, too, his concern for the small duties of our meeting as well as for the large issues that faced the joining of the two bodies of New England Friends and the writing of the new Discipline of Faith and Practice. He served on many committees, for his sound judgment and complete honesty were valued by all.

Thomas Perry died on April 26, 1972, aged 92 years. A life-long resident of Westerly, he was educated in its public schools, and graduated from Harvard. During his life he served his community in many ways. He was a member of the Westerly School Committee from 1912 to 1931, an incorporator and later president of the Westerly Y.M.C.A., a trustee of the Memorial and Library Association for years and its president from 1940 to 1952, and an incorporator of the Westerly Hospital from its founding in the early

1920's. These are only a few of the organizations to which he gave selflessly of his time and money.

As a banker his integrity was unquestioned. He followed his brother, his father, and grandfather as president of The Washington Trust Company and earned the high regard of a wider community.

His life made a lasting impact on business, civic, youth, and cultural affairs of the community. He received two of the town's highest honors, the Westerly-Pawcatuck Y.M.C.A. Service to Youth Award in 1955, and the Community Service Award of the Greater Westerly-Pawcatuck Area Chamber of Commerce in 1966. The citation which accompanied the latter read in part that he was singled out "for his quiet and unassuming manner of contributing and helping in more ways than will ever be revealed. ... Behind all the generous use of his means and his mind are literally hundreds of deeds of kindness, advice, guidance, and anonymous monetary gifts that will go unsung. And that is the way he wants it. For this man is a true gentleman, with his ears and his heart attuned to the often unspoken needs of humanity. He offers to help without being asked, and he wants no recognition from individual or good causes in general."

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ADDENDA to Memorial for Thomas Perry

* He was a leader in the former N.E.Yearly Meeting, serving as Clerk of the Meeting of Ministers and Elders and on the Committee on Relations with Other Yearly Meetings. It was this latter committee which, with similar committees from the other groups of Friendsin N.E. , were able to bring about the joining of all Friends in the area in 1945. In the new Yearly Meeting, he served on the Permanent Board for 15 years, and on the Board of Managers of Investment and Permanent Funds for 23 years. He served on the Committee to Revise the Discipline, the Finance Committee and the Sarah N.Pope Dixon Trust. Few members have had as many years of unceasing service. His regularity in attendance and willingness to carry out the work in each area were a measure of his religious commitment.

Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held in Providence 10th Month 21, 1972.

After a well-attended worship meeting and lunch, for which appreciation was expressed to Providence Friends, the business meeting got under way. Representatives were noted as follows: From North Dartmouth, Ruth Heath and Marion Goodwin; Providence, Virginia White, Georgina Stackpole, Margot Achterberg and June Confer; Worcester, Letitia Jones, Elizabeth Jones and Marion Buckman; Smithfield, Lauriston Smith, Ruth Smith and Bessie Ewen. No representatives were present from Westerly.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, with minor corrections, chiefly designating the new gathering of Friends and others in the Watson House on the University of Rhode Island campus at Kingston as a "worship group" instead of a full meeting.

T. Noel Stern, treasurer, gave this report:

Balance on hand, 7/1472.....	$75.63
Income, Tripp Fund 8/20/72.....	36.27
Income, Tripp Fund 9/6/72	26.36
Interest payments	1.38
Balance on hand 10/20/72	$139.64

Thomas Perry Jr. is named a trustee of the Tripp Fund. There was some discussion of the wisdom of allowing the Y.M. Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds to invest the amount of the Tripp Fund. Our treasurer is asked to confer with the trustees of the Stephen Aldrich Fund concerning the possibility of its becoming the property of the Quarterly Meeting.

The Nominating Committee proposed the following: For Quarterly Meeting Clerk, Robert Cool; for Assistant Clerk, Margot Achterberg; for Treasurer, T. Noel Stern. These names were confirmed, and the clerk expressed general appreciation of the members for the service of Harold Myers who wished to be relieved as assistant clerk.

Robert Cool is named to the board of Beacon Hill Friends House. On the Beacon Hill Corporation from this Quarter are Gregory Harrison and Caleb Smith (named in 1971) and Elizabeth Jones and William Foster (1972). Caleb Smith is on the Board of Managers, according to a note from Ernest H. Weed, director.

In a discussion of how the Quarterly Meeting may better fulfill its historic role as both a wider social get-together for regional Friends and as a body which can receive, modify or advance local concerns, several suggestions were offered. The sending of Quarterly Meeting announcements in sufficient quantity so they can be distributed to all members by monthly meeting clerks was one proposal. Another was the direct mailing of Q.M. programs to all members.

The meeting was informed of the recent arrest of Carol Bragg, a worker in Providence for the American Friends Service Committee, while demonstrating against the U.S. bombings in Southeast Asia.

Fred Wheeler, representing the ad hoc committee named by the Yearly Meeting to study retirement needs of New England Friends, was welcomed as a visitor, with his family. Fred spoke of the work being done toward a possible Quaker community that would include retirees. The meeting expressed encouragement for this study.

Fritz Eichenberg of Wakefield, R.I., who attends the Kingston worship group as well as Providence Meeting, was the speaker of the day. A noted illustrator, he talked on "The Artist as Activist" in a program that led to interesting discussion by the body of attenders.

Our business being concluded with the reading of some ~~original~~ queries, we adjourned, purposing to meet again at the usual time in Fourth Month at Woonsocket, the Lord permitting.

Robert Cool,

Robert Cool, Clerk. Harold Myers, Assistant Clerk

April '73

Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held in Woonsocket 4th Month 21, 1973.

By accounts received from the Monthly Meetings, representatives were: Worcester: Letitia Jones, Betty Jones, Clara Adams, Gregory Harrison; Westerly, Bill Penhallow, Kitty Bammer; Smithfield, Anna de Nevers, Bessie Ewen, Melita Fisher, Lauriston Smith, Ernest and Ruth L. Smith; Providence, Florence Manni, Margot Achterberg, Yolanda and Peter Broad; North Dartmouth, Marion Goodwin, Katherine and Thomas Stern.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

State of the Society reports from Monthly Meetings were read. A brief summary is as follows:

Worcester: Harold Meyers expressed appreciation for the work being done to reunite Worcester-Pleasant Street Meeting.

Smithfield reported on Ann de Nevers and Douglas Anderson's work with family counseling. They report working with 4 families intensively.. They are considering ways to involve lay members in their counseling and have contacted the director of Blackstone Valley Mental Health Center to train additional people as leaders.

North Dartmouth reported that Marion Goodwin had tape recorded some of her memories.

Providence, Thyra Jane Foster reported 4 new families with children have joined and First Day School classes are being held for children and adults. The need to achieve a balance between activism and a more spiritual Meeting is a concern of Ministry and Counsel.

Westerly, there are now 9 children in the First Day School with 10 in average attendance at Meeting for Worship.

These reports will be consolidated by the Clerk and forwarded to Yearly Meeting.

Treasurers Report: It was approved to send $75 to Friends China Camp and $75 to the Equalization Fund

The Steven Aldrich Fund has a total of 7,111.34. This fund was left to Smithfield Meeting for needy women. Nothing has been withdrawn for 2 years. There is some confusion about the terms of the will. Ken Strobel suggested that there be a thorough investigation of the will and what is meant by "needy women". Gregory Harrison agreed to look into this matter.

Robert Cool conveyed a request by Yearly Meeting that Quarterly Meetings bring their listing of ministers up to date. Monthly Meetings are therefore requested to consider the validity of their recorded ministers and determine if they have "lost their gift or usefulness"

Carol Bragg reported for the A.F.S.C.:

The proposal to establish an A.F.S.C. office in Providence has been approved. She informed the Quarterly Meeting of her availibility to speak to groups about Peace Education. Florence Manni commended Carol Bragg for her work in establishing the A.F.S.C. office.

The statistical report is as follows:

	last year	this year
Providence	191	181
Smithfield	65	63
North Dartmouth		30 (approximate)

The Nominating Committee was appointed with convenor Jane Foster, T. Noel Stern, Bessie Ewens

Delegates to Beacon Hill Friends Home were Margot Achterberg and Yolanda Broad (subject to her agreeing to serve)

Katherin Stern reported a minute from North Dartmouth expressing their dissatisfaction with the Yearly Meeting School Committee Report. She emphasized the decision making process is the real issue, that action should not be taken until there is a sense of the meeting. Monthly Meetings are urged to consider the process of decision making in Yearly Meeting in preparation for discussion next time.

Our business being concluded with the reading of Queries, we adjourned, purposing to meet again in the Seventh Month at North Dartmouth, the Lord permitting.

Robert Cool, Clerk Margot Achterberg, Assistant Clerk

NORTH DARTMOUTH MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
North Dartmouth, Massachusetts

March 12, 1973

Dear Friend,

The North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting on first day, March 11, 1973, instructed the clerk to forward the following minute to the New England Yearly Meeting and the Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. It was requested that it be read at the next regular meeting as a concern of our monthly meeting.

> The North Dartmouth Meeting of Friends is in agreement with the statement in Faith and Practice of the New England Yearly Meeting, page 215, that "No decision should be made until there is unity of spirit and a willingness by all to accept a proposed minute." We are not in agreement with the apparent new practice of the New England Yearly Meeting that decisions can be made, especially on deeply divisive issues, by adopting the view of the greater number of Friends. We are concerned that weight be generated not by status but by spirit.

Sincerely yours,

Elaine Stevens

Elaine Stevens, Clerk

Rhode Island - Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held in North Dartmouth July 73
July 21, 1973 with 35 in attendance.

The following were in attendance as representatives: Providence, Margot Achterberg, Harold and Mary Meyers, Henry and Jane Foster; Worcester, Betty Bullerwell, Letitia and Betty Jones, Elvie Ramsdell, Joan Plumb, Herman Patt, Clara Adams; Westerly, Kitty Bammer; North Dartmouth, Harry Goodwin, Herbert Stevens, Marion Goodwin, Elaine Stevens, Robert Rhyndies.

The minutes of the 4th month were read, corrected and approved.

Appreciation was expressed for the hospitality at the Gidley farm.

It was reported that the Kingston U.R.I. Meeting had been laid down. A letter of thanks for his word at U.R.I. will be sent to Eric Schoonover by the Clerk.

Worcester and Pleasant Street report they are now meeting for Worship together at 11:00 a.m. at Pleasant Street. Both Meetings are small, average attendance is 12. They meet separately for business and quarterly meetings.

The treasurer reported a balance of$108.09 as of August 12, 1973.

The Steven Aldrich fund reports a balance of $7,111.34

Elvie Ramsdell said that she is not fully aware of the terms of the trust which was established May 11, 1857. Jane Foster suggested that Uxbridge Meeting minutes might hold a clue as to what the original intent of the will might have been. Elvie Ramsdell and a committee consisting of Eunice Stroble and Greg Harrison are charged with administering the term s of the will.

Named to the nominating committee were Jane Foster, Robert Cool, Margot Achterberg, and T. Noel Stern.

Appreciation was expressed to Bob Cool for the Quarterly Quaker.

Representatives to Beacon Hill Friends House were named: William Foster, Betty Jones, Yolanda Broad, Margot Achterberg.

Ken Stroble reported that work is being done with Sturbridge to place the South Uxbridge Meeting House in the National Register which would preserve the 1770 building.

The program for the day was a discussion, led by Herb Stevens on Business Meeting Procedures. A summary is as follows:

George Bliss told of his impressions as he travels around the country on F.C.N.L. business - He felt there is a tendency to have a show of hands, especially in Meetings who have ministers who are not Friends.

Will Franz, Executive Secretary of the Westport Meeting spok about his concern that business meeting be conducted in a spirit of worship and with real concern for the individual.

Herb Stevens read the North Dartmouth Minute:
"The North Dartmouth Meeting of Friends is in agreement with the statement in Faith and Practice of the New England Yearly Meeting, page 215, that 'No decision should be made until there is unity of spirit and a willingness by all to accept a proposed minute.' We are not in agreement with the apparent new practice of the New England Yearly Meeting that decisions can be made, especially on deeply divisive issues, by adopting the view of the greater number of Friends. We are concerned that weight be generated not by status but by spirit."

There followed a discussion about the North Dartmouth minute.

It was approved to forward to the study group of Yearly Meeting our interest in further discussion about the decision making process.

Thanking our hosts for their kind hospitality the meeting concluded, purposing to meet 3rd Saturday 10th Month 1973 at Providence.

Robert Cool, Clerk

Margot Achterberg, Assistant Cl

FREDERICK C. BUFFUM, JR.

Frederick Cyrus Buffum, Jr., a life-long member of Westerly Monthly Meeting of Friends, died on June 30, 1973.

The son of Frederick C. and Phoebe Perry Buffum, he was born in Westerly on December 6, 1890. He attended Westerly schools and in 1916 was graduated from Haverford College.

In Westerly he was active in business affairs and was the owner of the Weekapaug Inn which his parents had built and which he rebuilt after its destruction in the 1938 hurricane.

For many years he was a director of the Westerly group of the Boy Scouts of America and active in the promotion of sailing and other outdoor recreation for the young people who spent their summers at Weekapaug.

For many years, too, he served as treasurer of Westerly Monthly Meeting and gave quietly and faithfully of his means and time to the maintenance of the meeting house. His yearly requests to members for the financial support of the meeting were carefully prepared, the yearly budget outlined, and Friends were requested to give as they felt was right.

It was always a pleasant and happy thing to be in his company and enjoy his sense of humor. In his nature there was a grace and warmth of character and understanding consideration for the well-being and needs of others.

Rhode Island- Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held in the Providence Meeting House 10th Month 20, 1973.

A worship service was held and a lunch.

At the business meeting, with Robert Cool as clerk and Margot Achterberg assistant clerk, representatives were listed as follows:

North Dartmouth: Harry Goodwin, Marion Goodwin, Katherine Stern, Thomas Stern.

Westerly: Deborah Warren, William Bammer, Kathleen Bammer.

Smithfield: Ann DeNevers, Bessie Ewen, Lauriston Smith, Ruth L, Smith and Ernest Smith

Providence: Mary Meyers, Ambrose Meyer, Helen Gifford (absent)

Worcester: Clara Adams, Leititia Jones, Elizabeth Jones.

A memorial to Gwendolyn Halewood, a member of Providence Meeting who passed on to higher life 6th month 29, 1973, was read, approved and was to be forwarded to Yearly Meeting. A copy is appended here.

The death of Phillip Ramsdell, an associate member of Worcester Meeting was noted. He was active with young Friends, and a memorial service at the Pleasant Street Meeting was well attended.

For the cemetery committee, Louisa White reported visiting ten grave yards. She expressed a concern that Friends keep up their places of interrment, some of which are almost forgotten. She pointed out that some cemeteries have fallen under the care of Quarterly Meeting because some Monthly Meetings have been laid down.

Robert Cool read the California minute which is under discussion in the Yearly Meeting. Friends reported on what, if any, impact it has had in their localities.

The program was turned over to Elmer Brown of Cambridge, Mass. who showed slides and told about the Friends World Conference in Sydney, Australia. Afterward the Meeting approved $35 to be given to Elmer Brown for the work of the Friends World Committee.

The clerk then read a benediction by Roger Williams. The next Quarterly Meeting will be held Fourth Month 20th, 1974 in Worcester.

Robert Cool, Clerk Margot Achterberg,Recording Clerk

GWENDOLYN HALEWOOD

Gwen's passing, on June 29th, 1973, has left a void in our Meeting. In remembering her, many pleasant associations come to mind: numerous occasions when we were entertained in the Halewoods' commodious home, and Gwen's and Bill's many services to the Meeting and the New England Friends' community. The closing of their home and Bill's going to live with their daughter, Carol, in Lexington, Massachusetts end a happy chapter.

Gwen had long been a concerned member of the Meeting. She took her meeting responsibilities seriously, including the larger work of Friends, in Peace and Social Concerns of the Yearly Meeting, the Hingham Friends home, and Beacon Hill Friends House. Her many trips in behalf of this work are vividly remembered.

Gwen was a lover of beauty - in the home, or wherever; she was an avid gardener, a lover extraordinary of flowers. Her adeptness in floral displays brightened many of our occasions and numerous friends' homes have treasured examples of her artistic ability. Her impact upon the Friends' Meetinghouse is deeply imprinted. The Halewoods' fireside chairs are a fitting addition to our library - a gift much appreciated.

Her passing is made especially sad in that she was obliged to turn over to others the care she had long given so meticulously to Bill. Her love for Bill, and his for her are examples all of us should emulate, and long remember.

275 Smith Neck Road
South Dartmouth, Massachusetts 02748
October 21, 1973

Robert N. Peel, Clerk
Rhode Island and Smithfield Quarter
217 Element Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02906

Dear Bob:

This edits and updates my preliminary report to you of August 22. The present letter covers the financial situation of the Quarter for a full 12-month period, from 10-20-72 through to 10-20-73.

Receipts

Balance on hand, 10-20-72	$139.64
Income from Trigg Fund	134.46
Interest	6.26
Total	280.36

Expenditures

China Camp.....	75.00
Yearly Meeting	75.00
Robert Peel, Printing	12.00
John Urey, Baby Sitter	10.00
Total expenditures for year	172.00

Year-End Balance

Total on hand, 10-20-73	$108.36

Harry Goodwin HAS new check for us from the Trigg Fund. So our balance next week, after I deposit the check, will be:

$108.36
26.77
$135.13

Just add to this two months interest!

Sincerely,

Tom

T. Noel Stern
Treasurer RIQ

Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held at Pleasant Street, Worcester, Mass., Fourth month, 20, 1974.

After a worship service, about 30 Friends had lunch and then gathered around one long table in the Pleasant Street Meeting House. Listed as representatives were:

Providence: T. Jane Foster, Henry Foster, Mary Myers, Harold Myers.

Smithfield: Eunice Strobel, Bessie Ewen, Robert Cool.

Worcester: Clara Adams, Herman Patt, Letitia Jones, Betty Jones, Margaret Angell.

In the absence of the recording clerk, the clerk took notes.

The Treasurer's report showed a total of $128.31 in the till.

Friends agreed to send $50. each to the China Pond Camp fund and the Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund. Individuals who wish to add to these gifts may send checkr to the Quarterly Meeting treasurer, T. Noel Stern. Eunice Strobel was also authorized to accept gifts. She pointed out that the Equalization Fund can help adults attend Yearly Meeting, as well as young people.

Barbara Haddad, Gregory Harrison and Deborah Warren were named as members of a nominating committee of which T. Jane Foster is convenor. They will choose two Beacon Hill representatives, a clerk and assistant clerk before next Quarterly Meeting.

Andrew Grannell reported on changes at Beacon Hill Friends House in Boston where Ernest W. Weed is retiring as director on Sept. 1. A new director is being sought.

A memorial to Frederick C. Buffum Jr., who passed into another sphere of life Sixth month 30, 1973, will be kept in our minutes.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the assistant clerk should send minutes to the clerk within two weeks of the meeting. The idea of meetings exchanging news letters was also approved.

Margaret Angell spoke very informatively on work with the elderly, their characteristics and needs. She has been associated as coordinator with a Worcester interfaith project for the elderly.

Queries read, the meeting adjourned, to meet in Westerly Seventh Month 20, 1974.

Robert N. Cool, Clerk

Treasurer's report written in anticipation of our next Quarterly Meeting on July 20th at Westerly.

In my last Treasurer's report to Quart erly Meeting, I covered income-outgo for a twelve month period that extended from 10-20-72 to 10-20-73. The present report brings things down to the current date: 10-20-73 to 7-10-74.

Receipts

Balance on hand, 10-20-73	$108.36
Income from Tripp Fund	53.54
Contributions	11.00

Interest	5.80
Total	205.47

Expenditures

Friends World Committee	35.00
Equalization Fund	55.50
China Camp	55.50
Total	146.00

Current Balance

On hand, 7-10-74	59.47

The same balance appears in our bank book from the New Bedford Institution for Savings, i.e. $59.47.

T. Noel Stern, Treasurer

RHODE ISLAND -SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON JULY 20, 1974, AT WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND MEETINGHOUSE.

The meeting opened with silent worship. Gregory Harrison offered prayer. This is the last Quarterly Meeting which Gregory will attend in his present role as minister of Smithfield Monthly Meeting.

T. Noel Stern reported that the treasury has a balance on hand of $59.47.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with one correction - Francis Wheeler was reported as being repre - sentative of Worcester Friends Meeting. He is a member of the Pleasant Street Meeting, but did attend inasmuch as the meeting was held in the Pleasant Street Meetinghouse.

Representatives were as follows:
Smithfield - Lauriston and Ruth Smith, Bessie Ewen
Providence - Audrey Kestner, Caroline Price
Westerly - Mary Damarell, John Rounds, Clara Hofer, Kitty Bammer
North Dartmouth - Kitty and Tom Stern, Harry and Marion Goodwin
Worcester - Letitia Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Clara Adams

Gregory Harrison reported for the Nominating Commettee the following proposed slate of officers:
Clerk- Thyra Jane Foster
Recording Clerk - Caroline Price
Treasurer - T. Noel Stern
Representative to Beacon Hill Friends House - William Foster
Elizabeth Jones

Our outgoing clerk spoke a few words of farewell. He has enjoyed hi term as clerk for three years. He presented to each one present a copy of a poem by David Starr Jordan entitled "In the Wilderness" whose last two lines read as follows:

"Shall God not fill another universe
With Life we waste in wicked wantonness?"

Louis Marstaller, our Field Secretary, spoke of the upcoming New England Yearly Meeting to be held at Lake Winnipesaukee beginning next weekend.

Richard Jeffery spoke of the new war that is starting. He deplores our government's support of this war at Cyprus and declares it morally wrong that we arm any country to help them fight a war. It was suggested that we send a letter from this Quarterly Meeting to encourage stopping the supple of armaments.

A Committee consisting of Richard Jeffery and Tom Stern is appointed to frame a letter to be sent to the President of the U. S. and to the Secretary of State, and a copy of it to the Yearly Meeting. The letter was framed and was approved. All present signed it. This will also be sent to the Westerly newspaper. Robert Cool will write to the Editor of the Providence Journal stating our viewpoint as expressed today.

It was suggested and approved that the Quarterly Meeting give $50. to the Minute 60 Committee of Yearly Meeting.

There was some talk about a community for young and older folks that is being considered in northeastern Mass. Louis Marsteller spoke to this.

Melita Fisher is celebrating her 91st birthday today. Quarterly Meeting sends greetings to her through our clerk.

Announcement was made of the location of the next few meetings:

October 1974 - Providence
April 1975 - Woonsocket
July 1975 - North Dartmouth

Gregory Harrison, Ruth White and Bessie Ewen were appointed as a committee to plan long range for meeting places for Quarterly Meetings.

Our very fine outgoing clerk, Robert Cool, closed the meeting with the reading of a Query with time allowed for its consideration.

Elizabeth L. Jones,
Recording Clerk Pro-Tem.

Our speaker of the day was Mary Gorman, a member of the Narragansett Indian Tribe. She was a very delightful speaker, giving us much food for thought as to the state of the Indians in our very affluent society. It is an uphill struggle for them, much to the chagrin of many of us. It was a most enlightening dissertation for which we are most grateful to her and to the Westerly Meeting for asking her to come.

PROVIDENCE MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
99 MORRIS AVENUE
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02906

The following statement was approved on July 20, 1974, by the Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) at Westerly, R.I. Twenty-eight members from Westerly, Providence, Woonsocket (R.I.) and Worcester and North Dartmouth (Mass.) signed the statement and agreed that copies should be sent to The U.S. Secretary of State, the U.S. Secretary of Defense, the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends and The Westerly Sun.

The statement follows:

A new war has begun on Cyprus. Both the Greek and Turkish military forces are armed with weapons that the United States of America has supplied to them.

We feel that the American government bears a large share of responsibility for the war.

We urge upon our government that it reverse its policy; that it stop selling arms to Turkey, Greece, and all other countries, and that it work effectively through the United Nations in the cause of peace in Cyprus.

Robert N. Cook,

Clerk,
R.I.-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting

Rhode Island - Smithfield Quarterly Meeting 10th month 19th, 1974
Providence Meetinghouse

The meeting convened in silence at 1:30. There were 18 persons present.

Representatives from member meetings:
Smithfield - Martha Smith, Laura Follett, Bessie Ewen, Eunice Strobel
Worcester - Letitia Jones, Elizabeth Jones
Other meetings had no appointed representatives although there were members present.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved with the recorded corrections.

Gregory Harrison reported for the committee appointed to recommend a meeting schedule. It was suggested that the schedule be regularized so that during a year all monthly meetings would have the care of Quarterly Meeting. In each case the meetings responsible would decide where the meeting would be held.

Quarterly Meeting in Oct.under care of Providence
April- Smithfield & Worcest.
July-Westerly & Dartmouth

This recommendation was approved.

The Clerk asked members to speak briefly about their local meetings.
Smithfield holds a bazar regularly in Oct. They have a new minister.
Worcester is now meeting for worship at the Pleasant St. Meetinghouse. The two meetings have separate business sessions although it is hoped they will eventually unite.
Providence is trying a new schedule holding First Day School after Meeting for Worship.

The Clerk read Childrens Query #2.

Harold Confer spoke of his work with FCNL. It has been his experience that there are many honest, dedicated, agonizing people in government who need the help and support of outside, independent groups.

Eunice Strobel shared a concern of the trustees for the Stephen Aldrich Fund which is not being used. After some discussion it was suggested that the trustees seek legal advice using income from the fund to pay the fees.

The meeting was adjourned purposing to meet 4th month 19th, 1975.

Ruth Kellam, Recording Clerk Pro-Tem

The afternoon program was on the subject of translating concerns into social action. Robert Cool spoke of John Woolman's concerns and what he did because of his concerns. Carol Bragg and Jerry Elmer showed slides of the Tiger Cage Vigil held in Washington as direct action out of the concern for political prisoners in South Vietnam. They shared experiences and feelings with us.

A pot luck supper and square dance sponsored by the Providence religious education committee filled out the day for those hearty souls willing to continue a social occasion.

MEMORIAL FOR RUSSELL PRICE

JAMES RUSSELL PRICE was born at York, Penna., on 8th of 7th Month 1907 and died at his house in Smithfield, R. I., on 17th of 10th Month 1974.

With his wife, Caroline, and their children Carol Ann and Leighton, he joined Providence Monthly Meeting in 1952. They left the Lutheran Church to become Friends because of the Peace Testimony. In 1972, Russell returned to the Lutheran Church.

While with Friends he was active in many of our concerns. He served with the Schools Study Committee and on the Yearly Meeting School Committee. Much of the revival of interest in the Saylesville Preparative Meeting was attributable to the Price family's work in the old meetinghouse. Meanwhile, Russell participated actively in the affairs of the town in which he lived. Among Friends, while in good health, Russell added a special gift of lively wisdom and aesthetic perception to our gatherings. Though often called away on business, he was generous of his means and talents. He enlivened social occasions and added depth to our meetings for worship.

He was a man of complex personality, vocal in his beliefs and possessed of great talent in the artistic field which enriched the lives of our members. His work added to the prestige of the Gorham Silver Company, where he became vice president in charge of design. For some time he was associated with the Royal Doulton China Company of England. Many of our families enjoy silverware or china designed by him. His work is distinguished by a rare feeling of balance, of "everything being where it should be", yet uncluttered by embellishments. It has been said that one cannot look upon a creation of his artistry without feeling a mood of peace. We wish to record our appreciation of the man who was able to do this.

For Russell's participation in Meeting affairs we are also grateful. He served on committees faithfully, and with his family, hosted social and business occasions at their home. For those who can recall his many best years it is with gratefulness that we remember Russell's life.

Committee: Thyra Jane Foster, John R. Kellan, Robert N. Cool

Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting met 4/12/75 in the Smithfield Meetinghouse in Woonsocket with 24 present.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The roll-call of Representatives followed: Worcester, Gregory Harrison, Norman Pott, Betty Bullerwell, Letitia Jones, Elizabeth Jones; Smithfield, Melita Fisher, Richard McNamara and Robert Cool, with Edmund and Luona Hebert absent; Providence, Audrey Kestner, Caroline Price, Ruth D. B. Whit and Edward White; Westerly, William and Kitty Sammur; North Dartmouth had no representatives present.

The Statistical Report was read by Thyra Jane Foster, Clerk. A brief summary shows a decrease from 441 to 438 members with 104 members under 25 years and 128 over 65; 288 resident members; 123 average attendance at First Day Worship; 71 participating in classes.

A discussion of the need and the method used in dropping inactive and uninterested members took place. Four Meetings reported working on this, with sending of a registered letter of inquiry being the preferred approach.

The financial statement of the Stephen Aldrich Fund prepared by Elvie M. Ramsdell, Trustee, was read and is attached. Gregory Harrison researched the will of Stephen Aldrich, finding that he had left half of his estate to Smithfield Quarterly Meeting - the income to be used to support the

poor and needy of the Meeting. Needing to have legal authority for its use by the new Quarterly Meeting Jane Foster will send the information to Findly Perry for a determination. New Trusteer will be appointed after this is done.

The Othniel Tripp Fund capital is $2,500.

Elizabeth Jones and Ruth White were appointed as a Nominating Committee.

The Meeting appointed Alex Haddad and Margot Achterberg (latter to be verified) as our directors for Beacon Hill Friends House.

Memorials to Russell Price and Charles White were read, the latter to be sent to the Permanent Board of N. E. Yearly Meeting.

The State of Society Reports were read, having been received from Westerly, Smithfield, Worcester and Providence. They show that a good amount of time and thought had gone into their preparation, with the ensuing dialogue beneficial. The steps toward unity in Worcester are approved.

Louis Marstaller hopes all will come to Yearly Meeting, June 24-29 at Wheaton College. A pageant is being readied as our part of the nation's Bicentennial celebration.

Contributions of equal amounts up to $50. (if available) were authorized to the Equalization Fund and China Camp.

Eunice Strobel asked for volunteer help for Jr. Yearly Meeting.

It is hoped Beacon Hill Friends House may have more student residents.

A collection is to be taken for the General Treasury of the Quarterly Meeting.

Harold Myers told of a Y.M. Ministry and Counsel conference to be held May 2-4 at Grove Hill, Vt.; and one at China Camp May 16-18 on "Toward a Quaker View of Marriage".

Robert Cool expressed appreciation to Gregory Harrison for his work on the Stephen Aldrich Will which identified him to us. The Will is to be recorded.

Ed White spoke for all of us in appreciation to Smithfield Meeting for their hospitality.

Next Quarterly Meeting will be in North Dartmouth the 3rd Sat. in July.

The AFSC film which was to have been our program not being available, Bessie Euwan held a discussion on "World Hunger".

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Price, Recording Clerk

April 18, 1975

REPORT TO THE RHODE ISLAND SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING
HELD APRIL 1975

Dear Friends:

As trustee of the Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends Stephen Aldrich Fund I wish to submit the following condition of finances:

Balance in Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank as of February 28, 1975	$ 3,014.46
Balance in Worcester County Institution for Savings as of February 24, 1975	4,860.63
Total Amount of Stephen Aldrich Fund	7,875.09

There have been no withdrawals from this Fund since 1967.

Respectfully submitted,

Elvie M. Ramsdell

Elvie M. Ramsdell, Trustee
Worcester Monthly Meeting of Friends

Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting met in the North Dartmouth Meetinghouse at 12:10 P. M. on 7/19/75 with 22 persons in attendance.

Our Clerk, Jane Foster, spoke of her thoughts on the way to Meeting centering on "Why Do We Come/". Renewal of our religious convictions and social contacts being the motivation as she sees it.

Representatives from North Dartmouth were Tom Stern, Herbert Stevens nad Allison Jacobus; from Smithfield, Robert Cool; from Providence, Edward and Ruth White and Harold and Mary Myers; none present from Westerly and Worcester.

Harry and Marion Goodwin came from Maine to be with us, including their daughter and 3 grandchildren.

There was further discussion of the bequest left Smithfield Quarterly Meeting by Stephen Aldrich. Review of the Will's provisions was conducted by Gregory Harrison, who is to provide a copy of the Will for our records. The Clerk will clear this matter with Gregory and Finley Perry whom Gregory consulted. Audrey Kestner was appointed as 3rd Trustee of the Stephen Aldrich Fund pending a determination from Findley Perry.

Our Treasurer, Tom Stern, reported a balance of over $100. The Meeting approved sending $50. to the Minute #60 Committee.

The Meeting, being informed that Margot Achterberg is not able to serve on the Board of Directors of Beacon Hill Friends House, gladly approved Herbert Stevens' offer to fill the vacancy.

Tom Stern spoke of his concern over possible loss of interest from the Othniel Tripp Fund, feeling the need to consolidate the two bank accounts concerned - New Bedford Institution for Savings and the Fall River Trust Co. Objection being expressed by Harry Goodwin, a Trustee of the Fund, Henry Foster, the other Trustee, suggested that the Trustees meet. This action was approved.

North Dartmouth's statement on the CIA and FBI, prepared Third Month, 9th was read by the Clerk. It was approved and will be sent over her signature to appropriate political representatives and the press.

Reports from Yearly Meeting were given informally during lunch at the Burgess Farm, where we were very hospitably entertained by Robert and Ruth Burgess.

The Meeting closed purposing to meet in Providence 10/18/75.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline A. Price Recording Clerk

RHODE ISLAND-SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING met in Providence Meeting-house 10/18/75 at 1:30 P. M. with 27 in attendance.

Research is underway on the Providence Meeting's Bicentennial project which will endeavor to show what kind of citizens Friends were in the period 1763-1791. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was the first Quarterly Meeting to be set up, as early as 1706. So far it seems that Friends were busy building meetinghouses, etc. but no civic involvement was recorded.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Representatives present from Smithfield were Bessie Ewan, Lauriston and Ruth Smith, Melita Fisher, Eunice Strobel and Richard McNamara; from Providence - Mary Myers and William Foster; from Worcester - Betty Bullerwell, Herman Patt and Gregory Harrison; and from Westerly - Deborah Warren.

No response to our letter condeming recent CIA and FBI practices was received from Congress. It is possible our return address was omitted. The New Bedford Times carried our full letter. Prof. Lyman Kirkpatrick, graduation speaker at Moses Brown School and a former CIA agent, was explained as having been the students' choice. In the future the Head-master will screen proposed speakers more closely. Fred and Mildred Sawyer's letter to Senator Church on the same subject was read to the Meeting and their concern was appreciated. Friends are encouraged to continue their efforts to keep our Government honest.

Ruth White reported for the Nominating Committee that Thyra Jane Foster, Clerk, and Caroline Price, Recording Clerk, are willing to serve for the current Year. The Meeting approved the nominees.

Tom Stern sent word that our treasury balance was unchanged, not having yet received the interest from Harry Goodwin.

The Meeting approved sending a letter asking Harry Goodwin to accede to the wishes of the Meeting that our financial house be put in order by having both bequests of the Orthniel Tripp Fund in one bank account. Concerning our other fund, the bequest from Stephen Aldrich, the Trustees were increases by adding Audrey Kestner and Eunice Strobel, Elvie Ramsdell having been the sole Trustee. Trustees are to be appointed every 5 years, meetings are to be held and an annual report will be expected. A copy of Stephen Aldrich's will will be put in the Quarterly Meeting archives. A re-imbursement of $8.75 for the copy was approved to Gregory Harrison. All Monthly Meetings in our Quarter are to be notified of the availability of funds for needy persons.

Kenneth Strobel was pleased to see the Meeting recognize Minute #60 Committee by the contribution in July and asked that Minute #74 be accorded the same interest. The Treasurer not being present this request was put over to next Quarterly Meeting.

Herman Patt, having recently attended a Y. M. Finance Committee Meeting suggested that Meetings make their Y. M. contributions on a regular schedule or early in the year as a help to the Y. M.'s work.

Louis Marstaller emphasized the benefit of keeping Y. M. budget on a current basis. He announced a Ministry and Counsel weekend at Woolman Hill Nov. 14-16. The Arrangements Committee is considering a possible day at the Newport Meetinghouse during next Y. M. session in August.

William Foster relayed a call from the AFSC through Louisa Alger for 1 million children's sweaters for Vietnam.

We are indebted to Esther Fisher Benson and Katherine Morris Wright from Newport and Jamestown respectively, for our program - a discussion of the present and future status of the restored Newport Meetinghouse, which is owned by the Newport Historical Society. Quakers from Japan, Indiana and many other places have visited it this summer. Worship Meeting was held there, under the care of James and Trudy Brown of Little Compton, during the summer and until really cold weather on 1st and 3rd Sun. There will be a determination of policy by the Historical Society as to whether our Quarterly Meeting may be held there next Fall. The Meeting approved that a letter of request for the Oct. meeting be sent to the Historical Society.

The Meeting closed purposing to meet 4/17/76 at the Worcester Meetinghouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline A. Price

Caroline A. Price, Recording Clerk

RHODE ISLAND - SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING met in the Worsester Meetinghouse 4/17/76 with 16 in attendance.

Our Clerk, Jane Foster, relayed regrets from Louis Marstaller who was attendind Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on this date.

Sign up sheets for Volunteers to help with Jr. Y. M. activities were provided; also information on China Camp sessions.

The Bicentennial pamphlet is ready for the printer. We are asked to read it from the viewpoint of what contribution these historical Friends made to our Country.

Representatives from Providence were Ruth and Edward White, Audrey Kestner and Caroline Price; from Smithfield, Lauriston and Ruth Smith; from Worcester, Letitia and Elizabeth Jones, Elizabeth Bullerwell, Herman Patt and Gregory Harrison.

The Statistical Report from the Monthly Meetings showed a membership of 438 - divided as follows: North Dartmouth 49, Providence 176, Smithfield 65 and Worcester 90. After Westerly's report is added, our Clerk will compile all 5 and send the record to Y. M.

She will also send to Y. M. the Reports of the Spiritual Condition of the Meetings. The Reports from Worcester, Providence, Westerly and Smithfield were read; North Dartmouth not being available. This annual exercise is of value to the writers and to the Quarterly Meeting which hears their contents.

Jane Foster gave the Treasurer's report for T. Noel Stern. We have $147.41 plus the latest interest, which has not been added to date.

Henry Foster had a letter of resignation from Harry Goodwin, as Trustee of the Orthniel Tripp Fund, since he has moved out of our area. Ruth Burgess was appointed Treasurer and Treasurer in his place, pending her acceptance.The Clerk will write a letter of appreciation to Harry Goodwin for his many years of faithful work as Trustee of this Fund.

As requested at the Oct. Quarterly Meeting, we made a contribution to the Minute #74 Committee of $45. The same amount was approved for China Camp and the Y. M. Equalization Fund.

In answer to our request to the Newport Historical Society to hold our Oct. Quarterly Meeting in the restored Meetinghouse in Newport, we received a letter from Katherine M. Wright giving approval for the Meeting to be held the 3rd Sat. in Oct. from 11 A.M. to 4 P. M.

R. I. Monthly Meeting on Aquidnick Island will be invited to meet with us there.

Alex Haddad will be unable to be our Representative on the Beacon Hill Friends Corp. since he will be married in June and will not live in New England. Kenneth Strobel will be asked to accept this appointment. Elizabeth Jones, Wm. Foster and Herbert Stevens were re-appointed for another term.

An appeal for funds was made in behalf of the Martin Luther King summer camp in Cambridge.

A copy of the Boston Statue of Mary Dyer is now in Philadelphia at 15th and Cherry Sts.

A note was received from Fred and Mildred Sawyer urging amnesty for war prisoners. A note will go to Sen. Brooks in appreciation of his stand in favor of amnesty.

As a new Trustee, Audrey Kestner reported on her correspondence with Elvie Ramsdell relative to the Stephen Aldrich Fund. The original bequest was $240 in 1857 and $200 in 1859, which has increased to approximately $8,000. Of this amount $5,000. will be put in a 7½% 4 year certificate and the rest will be held in a 5¼% savings account to be available for "poor and needy persons" according to the terms of the bequest. A letter will be sent by Audrey Kestner to the Clerks of the Monthly Meetings in our Quarter notifying them of the availability of the funds. The Trustees are to have the sole say as to disbursement.

It was with regret that we learned of the sudden death of James Blacker, a member of Worcester Meeting. A Memorial Service was held for him in the Worcester Meetinghouse on the 18th of April.

Appreciation was expressed to our hosts, Worcester Meeting, for their hospitality and delicious desserts and beverages.

The Meeting closed purposing to meet in Westerly 7/17/76.

Katherine Carter, who is studying for her Masters Degree in Development, and who had just returned from Indonesia, gave us an interesting, but rather disconcerting view of the results of our attempts at aid to the 3rd World Countries.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline A. Price
Caroline A. Price, Recording Clerk

RHODE ISLAND-SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING convened at 12 noon, 7/17/76 in the Westerly Meetinghouse with 23 present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were not read, due to the Recording Clerk having regrettably left them at home.

Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting from Worcester were Letitia Jones and Elizabeth Jones; from Westerly, Ann Rounds and Clare Hoper; from Providence, William Foster and Henry Foster; from N. Dartmouth, Ruth Burgess; and from Smithfield, Lauriston and Ruth Smith.

The Treasurer's report was read for Noel Stern by Ruth Burgess, showing a balance of $154.64. Ruth Burgess, newly certified Trustee for the Orthniel Tripp Fund added interest in the amount of $105.85 making a total of $260.49. With $154.64 still in the Treasury before adding this interest it was queried as to whether the contributions to China Camp, the Equalization Committee and Minute #74, authorized at the last Quarterly Meeting had been made,and if not with the need existing for these funds, the payment was urged immediately. An additional contribution of $50. to the Minute #74 Committee was authorized.

Authorization being given by both the Quarterly Meeting and the Trustees of the Orthniel Tripp Fund, the two existing bank accounts will be joined in the New Bedford Institution for Savinfs.

The Stephen Aldrich Fund report was given by Audrey Kestner, recently appointed as one of the Trustees, to serve with Elvie Ramsdell and Eunice Strobel. Audrey had sent a draft of a letter to Elvie Ramsdell to be edited and sent to Eunice Strobel for confirmation, which was then to be sent to each Monthly Meeting in our Quarter notifying members of the availability of funds for "poor and needy Quakers" Since Eunice Strobel had received the communication only the day before, no action had been taken.

Kenneth Strobel was concerned that $5,000. of the Fund had been invested in a 4 year savings certificate which would not be available on call without loss of interest. However, since over $3,000. is in a regular savings account the Meeting felt that the deposit, authorized at our Oct. Meeting was workable. The desire for confidentiality on the use of these Funds was stressed by Kenneth and Eunice Strobel, and the Meeting agreed that only the Fund's balance will be reported to the Meeting with the disbursements of Funds entirely at the judgment of the Trustees.

A Nominating Committee was appointed consisting of Robert Cool, Elizabeth Jones and Ruth Burgess to bring in names for our Clerk, Recording Clerk and Treasurer for the coming year.

Our Clerk had received a request, unusual in these times, from Worcester Meeting asking that Margaret Angelland Gregory Harrison be recorded as Ministers. Since the Discipline (p.238) as read by our Clerk, states this action must be recommended to the Quarterly Meeting by our Ministry and Counsel Committee, this Committee consisting of Katherine Stern, Clerk, Eunice Strobel and Ruth Smith, which had been "laid down" until needed was re-activated and will consider the request.

As guidance toward their action, Kenneth and Eunice Strobel spoke very warmly of Gregory Harrison's helpfulness to Smithfield Meeting as well as to Eunice personally; Kenneth, emphasising Greg's acceptance by the students at Moses Brown School as a Friend, while he was "Quaker in Residence" there. Bessie ~~Euwan~~ Ewen spoke for both Gregory and Margaret Angell, as having an unusual amount to contribute to the welfare of Friends.

Elizabeth Jones informed us of Herman PAtt's application to Friends United Meeting to work in Jamaica, since he was unable to persue his Communal Farm project due to the death of James Blacker.

With the reading of Query #4 on love for one another, the Meeting closed, purposing to meet 10/16/76 in the Newport restored Meetinghouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline A. Price

Caroline A. Price, Recording Clerk

RHODE ISLAND-SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING met 10/15/76 in the restored "Grest Meetinghouse" in Newport, R. I. with more than 25 persons present.

The Minutes of the last 2 Meetings were read and approved.

Representatives from Westerly were William and Nancy Penhallow, Tom Penhallow and Liz Warren; from Worcester, Letitia and Eliz. Jones; Woonsocket, Robert Cool; Providence, William Foster, Audrey Kestner and Caroline Price; and from N. Dartmouth, Herbert and Elaine Stevens, T. Noel Stern, Thomas Hsia and Ruth Burgess.

Since our Meeting on Ministry and Counsel had not met, the request of Worcester Meeting that Gregory Harrison and Margaret Angel be recorded as Ministers was laid over to our April 1977 Meeting.

Our Treasurer, T. Noel Stern, reported a balance as of 10/4/76 of

$36.29, with $32.19 to be added within a few days for a total of $68.48

Ruth Burgess needed an authorization from the Meeting to put the accounts of the Orthneil Tripp Fund in order and to be given "Dividend Power of Attorney". The Clerk will supply the necessary legal authorization for the Trustees of this Fund to be able to act in the Quarterly Meeting's behalf. Discussion of possible long term investment at a higher interest of the $2500. involved, may be taken up again at a future meeting.

Audrey Kestner brought a request from Providence Meeting for clarification of the term "poor and needy Friends" as a criterian for disbursement of the Stephen Aldrich Fund. Helen Burgess and Louise Cool were named by the Meeting to meet with Audrey Kestner on this matter.

Louis Marstaller sent his greetings, not being present because of attending Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held on this same date.

Herbert Stevens' withdrawel from Beacon Hill Friends House Board was accepted with understanding and William Penhallow was named as our Representative to this Board.

The Meeting accepted the Nominating Committee's report naming William Penhallow Clerk of Quarterly; Caroline Price Recording Clerk; and T. Noel Stern Treasurer.

William Penhallow brought a concern from Westerly Meeting suggesting exchange and /or loan of books among Meetings in our Quarter, following inactivity of the Mosher Book and Tract Committee. Each Meeting will supply lists of pertinent books available for loan with Florence Manni co-ordinating the project.

Ruth Kellam told of a project being conducted by the "Earthquakers" led by Alice Weisner, who plans to take a group of 10th graders from various Yearly Meetings on an 8 month trip to trouble spots around the world including a Hopi Indian Reservation in New Mexico, Japan, India, Kenya, Berlin, Ramalla, Ireland and perhaps Moscow. Kenya has been suggested for study by our Quarterly Meeting. Details will be clarified at Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in Jan. to which Ruth Burgess and Ruth Kellam will go in our behalf.

The reading of Query #3 closed the Meeting. Next Meeting will be in Woonsocket 4/16/77.

Edna Kaula gave us a delightful talk on Meetings and Meetinghouses which she is familiar with, from Boothbay Harbor, Me. to Africa.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline A. Price

Recording Clerk

RHODE ISLAND-SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING convened at 1:30 P.M. in the Smithfield Meeting Meetinghouse in Woonsocket 4/16/77 with 28 in attendance.

A representative from The Women's Center, 37 Congress St., Providence spoke to us of the formation of the Center and the valuable service it performs as an emergency shelter for women. Membership in the Center is available.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Representatives attending from Smithfield Meeting were Robert Cool, Bessie Ewen, Eunice Strobel and Kenneth Strobel; from N. Dartmouth, T. Noel Stern and Thomas Hsia; from Westerly, William Penhallow and Nancy Penhallow; from Providence, Ambrose and Hazel Meyers, Edward and Ruth White, Henry and Jane Foster and Peter Broad; and from Worcester, Letitia and Betty Jones and Gregory Harrison.

Our Treasurer, T. Noel Stern, reported that the Othniel Tripp Fund's assets of $2,532.19 are now consolidated in the New Bedford Institution for Savings. Interest will be added quarterly and at present is $86.54.

Our Clerk, William Penhallow, read the annual statistics report as follows: N. Dartmouth has 41 members (a loss of 8); Providence 185 (a gain of 9); Smithfield 64 (a loss of 1); and Worcester 80 (a loss of 1). No report from Westerly.

William Penhallow and Robert Cool were appointed to Beacon Hill Friends House Board.

The following schedule of our Meetings will be printed in the Yearly Meeting Minutes: July '77 - N. Dartmouth; Oct.-Providence; Apr.'78 - Worcester; and July - Westerly.

A Memorial Minute for Ruth Kellam was read and will be forwarded to the Permanent Board of Yearly Meeting. It is recorded here, following these Minutes.

Louis Marstaller informed us that the "Earthquakers" trip has been postponed but Jr. Yearly Meeting's program will be "World Awareness", run by Alcie Weisner who will be our July Quarterly Meeting speaker. Louis gave the preliminary announcement of Yearly Meeting, to be held in Aug. in Norton, Mass. He also told of a Ministry and Counsel Workshop in Norwich, Vermont, May 6-8; one in Providence on "A New Call to Peacemaking" on May 7, and had available copies of George Selleck's "Quakerism in Boston" and Faith and Practice. He called our attention to ads for Young Friends to work at the Friends Home in Hingham, and also the need for a Director and Assistant Director at Beacon Hill Friends House. Next Committee Day will be in Hartford Apr. 23.

Elizabeth Jones read a Memorial to James Blacker who died Apr. 11,'76.

Peter and Yolanda Broad have been invited to be "Buddies for Spanish-Speaking Friends" at the Witchita, Kansas "Quakers in the Americas" Conference, June 25-July 1. $86.54, the total available in our Treasury was approved toward their expenses.

Audrey Kestner, one of the Trustees of the Stephen Aldrich Fund, told of the move to Maine of Elvie Ramsdell who holds the bank books of the Trust. The Clerk will write to Elvie asking for an accounting of the type and amounts of disbursement over the past 10 years, and what her wishes are for handling future transactions. No definition of "poor and needy" Friends has been arrived at by the Committee set up to determine who is eligible for assistance from this Fund.

In the proposed merger of the 2 Worcester Meetings there is a question of which Quarter the combined Meeting will belong to. Our Meeting stated we would be happy with whatever they decide.

After lengthy discussion and disunity on the part of Providence and N. Dartmouth Meetings with the other Meetings of the Quarter, the question

of Recording of Ministers which action was asked at the July '76 Quarterly Meeting by Worcester Friends, those opposed not wanting to stand in the way, Gregory Harrison and Margaret Angell will be recorded. A request will be sent to Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice Review Committee to study this subject.

A Nominating Committee was named consisting of Bessie Ewen, Deborah Warren and Robert Cool.

Jane Foster reported that all but 60 of the printing of 500 of our Bicentennial Booklet had been dispersed. The Meeting approved giving one to the Woonsocket Library.

Elizabeth Jones informed us of the recent death of Harrison and of Emily Strauss Gringer of Worcester Meeting.

The Meeting closed with the reading of Query #4, purposing to meet in N. Dartmouth on July 16, '77.

MEMORIAL TO RUTH ARNOLD KELLAM

Providence Meeting has suffered a deep loss in the death of Ruth Arnold Kellam on January 31, 1977, at the age of fifty-three. Her life was one of loving service to the Meeting, to her husband and his children, to the Yearly Meeting, and to the wider community.

Born into a family who were members of the Church of the Brethern, she eventually found her religious home in the Society of Friends, joining Cambridge Monthly Meeting. Her professional training was in occupational therapy; she practiced at the Institute of Mental Health of the Massachusetts General Hospital, and later at a hospital in New Zealand. On her return, after a brief term of service at the New England Friends Home at Hingham, she moved to Attleboro, and worked witha community workshop for retarded children. Her marriage to John Kellam during the last seven years of herlife made possible happy years of creative voluntary service. Together they made their home a center for caring relationships with people.

Ruth served the Meeting in countless ways. She had two terms as clerk; she was active on meeting committees, giving time and energy to the work. Her strong desire to grow spiritually herself and to help others to do so led to her pouring energy into the Religious Education Committee's program, especially for the children, and to founding, with her husband, a group, the Seekers, for newcomers to the meeting who wished to learn something about Quakerism.

Her many contributions to the Yearly Meeting included service on the Committee on Religious Education, the Nominating Committee, and the Committee of the New England Friends Home at Hingham.

Most important of all, perhaps, was her contribution to individuals, given so quietly and unostentatiously that often only those who were the recipients of her loving care were aware of it. In her home meeting she had a concern for young people, for children, for college students, and for young married couples. New attenders at the meeting were her special care; she identified them, made them feel welcome, and soon learned their problems. In contacts with all ages, she was supportive, bringing out the strength in people, and giving them her undivided attention. Listening was one of her great gifts. We felt her outgoing love constantly, and yet at the same time we were aware that she had a sound sense of judgment about what people were capable of

doing, and the peculiar value of their lives.

As we remember her, we think particularly of many simple, practical ways in which she enriched our existence: baby sitting for a hard-pressed mother who needed relief, teaching a child how to make bread, helping with the preparations for a square dance, taking a college student into her home when the dormitory was closed, helping with the transportation of a Friend to the sewing group or of a child to Sunday School, sharing flowers and cuttings from her garden. In such ways she expressed the radiance of her love.

She leaves a void which it will be hard for Providence Meeting to fill, but she has showed us the way. We know now what needs to be done.

RHODE ISLAND-SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING met in N. Dartmouth Meeting-house 7/16/77 with 18 in attendance.

Jane Foster acted as Clerk until the arrival of William Penhallow.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved with minor corrections.

Representatives from N. Dartmouth were Herbert Stevens, Ruth Burgess, Noel and Kitty Stern; from Providence, Henry and Jane Foster, Audrey Kestner and Caroline Prive; from Smithfield, Lauriston and Ruth Smith and Bessie Ewan; and from Westerly, William and Nancy Penhallow. There were none from Worcester.

Our Treasurer, T. Noel Stern, reported that conference expenses in the amount of $86. has been given to Peter and Yolanda Broad for the Witchita Conference. We have about $91. available in our treasury.

A letter was received from the Equalization Fund Committee offering aid to attend Yearly Meeting. Our Meeting approved a contribution to the Committee of $35.; also the same amount to China Camp Fund.

In answer to our Clerk's letter, Elvie Ramsdell (who now lives in S. Blue Hills, Me.) gave the following information about the Stephen Sldrich Fund; there is a 4 year savings certificate of $5,000. in the Worcester County Institution for Savings at 7½% and $3,596.90 in regular savings. Elvie Ramsdell suggested a replacement for her from Worcester Meeting. Betty Jones was suggested and will be asked to become a Trustee of the Fund. It is still not clear how this money may be used, and the possibility of using it for educational purposes was mentioned, and a legal ruling was requested.

It was suggested that the Faith and Practice Workshop at Yearly Meeting is the appropriate place to discuss the Quarterly Meeting concern over recording ministers.

Bessie Ewan, for the Nominating Committee reported that our present officers are willing to serve for the current year. Meeting approved.

The schedule for future meetings was reviewed: namely, Oct. '77 Providence; Apr,'78, Worcester; July, '78, Westerly; Apr. '79, Smith-field; July '79, N. Dartmouth. Possible meetings with Nantucket and Sandwich was discussed with a possible meeting in the old Bolton Meetinghouse in Sturbridge Village next Apr. Betty Jones, Clerk of Worcester Meeting, will be asked to check on this.

Kitty Stern, announcing that Peter Mott, Headmaster of Moses Brown

School has resigned, urged that we write to appropriate persons relating that our Quarterly Meeting feels strongly that a real search for Quaker administrators and faculty be made, and that needs of New England Young Friends be carefully considered.

Barbara Haddad secured the Meeting's permission to send the Memorial to Harold Myers on to Yearly Meeting when it is prepared.

A map was passed out for travel to the afternoon meeting at Westport, Mass. to be held jointly with Sandwich Quarter.

With the reading of Query #2, the Meeting closed, purposing to meet in Providence on Oct. 15. (Our Clerk will be absent but will make arrangements for the Meeting.)

RHODE ISLAND-SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING convened in Providence 10/22/77.

The Recording Clerk, pro tem, read the Minutes of the July 16 Meeting. They were approved.

Meeting representatives were: from N. Dartmouth, Kitty and Tom Stern; from Providence, Audrey Kestner, Millicent Foster and Louisa White; Smithfield, Kenneth Strobel, Eunice Strobel and Bessie Ewen; Westerly, William Penhallow; and Worcester, Margaret Angel and Betty Bullerwell.

The Treasurer reported payments of $86. to Peter and Yolanda Broad for the Witchita Conference, and $50. each to Y.M. Equalization Fund and China Camp; leaving a balance on Oct. 1 of $70.21.

Jane Foster is trying to complete the records of the Quarterly Meetings for the Archives; and hopes that the few missing ones may turn up. She hopes that in the future clerks will send them in typed on permalast paper.

The Stephen Aldrich Fund was discussed. Betty Jones has been asked to replace Elvie Ramsdell. The Committee was asked to read the statement of purpose of the Fund and to bring an interpretation to the next meeting. Then perhaps a legal ruling would be sought.

The Clerk read a letter he had sent to the Board of Overseers of Moses Brown School regarding the appointment of Friends as Headmaster and as Admissions Officer. He had received 4 replies. He read one from C. W. Meyers and one from Edith Churchill. He announced a meeting at the school on 11/6 to discuss this important matter. It is felt that the general feeling of the Board is not to select a Friend. Peter Broad said the Search Committee consists of 3 Friends and 3 non-Friends, and that the Chairman is not a Friend. The following from the letter sent by the Clerk to the Board was agreed to by the Meeting:
"We urge you to consider the appointment of a Friend as Headmaster and as the opportunity becomes available to appoint a Friend as Admissions Officer, and finally to increase the number of Friends on the Faculty."

The Clerk read the Memorial for Harold W. Myers, who died 6/22/77. The Meeting expressed their warm and complete approval of the Memorial for their beloved member, which represented many hours of loving work.

The Clerk spoke of a present need as follows: Laban Masimba, a Friend from Kenya and Head of Young Friends in E. Africa, is a graduate

Memorial for Harold W. Myers

Harold W. Myers, a member of Providence Meeting for many years, died at the age of 80 years, 6-23-1977. Suffering from an incurable ailment, Harold faced death with remarkable fortitude and an open-hearted communicativeness toward friends and family alike, which led doctors and nurses to agree that never in their experience had a patient made the transition from life on earth to a life beyond so inspiring to bedside visitors. He will be sadly missed by his wife Mary, their two sons, Gerald and Barton, and other close relatives. Beyond this, a well attended memorial service held at Providence Meeting House demonstrated how wide was his circle of friends and the depth of public regard.

Harold was born in Clarks,Nebraska 1-18-1897, the son of a Presbyterian father and a Quaker mother of a long line of Friends. He grew up on their farm and he never lost the loneliness and freedom of the prairie nor the independence of the pioneer. At Nebraska Central College he became interested in athletics. The onset of World War I brought Harold into a larger field of service to which,even as a youth, he seemed dedicated. In 1917 he went with a group to France under the American Friends Service Committee. He once recalled helping a peasant family get in their crops while shells of German and Allied armies flew through the sky overhead. He saw hordes of battle shocked soldiers and helpless refugees. During this same period he climbed Mt. Blanc, which was a source of satisfaction to him the rest of his life.

After post-war study in France Harold settled in New England and obtained a Master's degree in Philosophy and Biblical Literature from Brown University. For 36 years he was a teacher in the secondary schools of Providence, a track coach, and a camp supervisor in Maine for 25 of those years. When he retired in 1964 Brown University awarded him a gold medal for his long service to young people. As an active member of the Society of Friends and pastor of the Woonsocket Friends Meeting, he early became a recorded minister. After moving to Providence in the mid 1920's Harold served within the context of an unprogrammed meeting. For fifty years his trim, neat figure and that of his good wife Mary were rarely missing from their place in the Meeting house. He found there the fertile soil for his mystical yearnings. His messages and often literary turn of thought were listened to with appreciation in both Providence and Saylesville.

Over the years Harold was active for peace, education and the life of Meetings. An idealist who did not compromise his beliefs even though they were sometimes misunderstood, he had an unusual ability not to be upset if others disagreed with him. Devoted to home and family, his wife and sons Gerald Myers, who is acting director of the PhD program in philosophy of the City Universities of New York, and Barton Myers, social worker and counsellor for the schools in Glennview, Illinois, and their families, he yet maintained a sustained, unfailing and unfaltering interest in

Friends affairs, particularly small Meetings needing encouragment. Thus distinguished by steadfast self-discipline and character and a vision of the greatest potential for Quakerism, coupled with an outgoing friendliness, his ready handshake and pleasant smile frequently became the introduction of new comers to our Society. He sometimes said that numbers meant little to him. Worship was a spiritual experience gladly shared with one or two, yet Harold Myers seemed equally at home in framing a deeply felt message at the largest gathering. He was an active member of New England Yearly Meeting's Evangelistic and Outreach Committee and the Beacon Hill Friends House board for several years.

In meetings for business Harold put his fine mind to work on every issue contributing something of a practical nature but he intentionally sought to avoid any suggestion of "leadership" in either worship or Quaker work although others instinctively followed his inner-directed guidance. He would make plans in detail and ask people to take part, who rarely refused because his judgment of their interests and ability was good. Wry humor also came easily to him and he was a light-hearted member of any social gathering. Two recent projects which he promoted were a series of seminars to benefit Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools and a lecture series in connection with the Providence Meeting's bicentennial booklet, "Rhode Island Quakers in the American Revolution 1775-1790".

It will be remembered of Harold Myers that not only did he set a fine example of the Christian life, but he exemplified Quaker ideals in the genuineness and modesty of his demeanor. He revealed the depths of his spirit slowly. Only at his passing, it seems fair to say, did this Friend's full stature stand clearly to be seen from the testimonies of many who had known him.

One practical contribution some recalled was Harold Myers' patient help in reuniting the divided Quakers of New England a generation ago. His life seemed a monument to the sort of understanding that then healed the breach inherited from a remote past.

Now let him speak for himself in extracts taken from one of several articles contributed to the Friends Journal, this from 12-15-1971,"The Mystics Testimony".

"The mystic is a spiritual mountain climber. He is a crusader for the cause of the individual and his goal is the perfected human spirit. The mystic revels in the climb; he loves the challenge of the difficult. ... His way is one of sheer harmony resulting from authentic thinking and the beauty of carefully thought out ideas ... His is a way of wonder; it is immensely personal and lonely yet gloriously universal. It is a way of blessed fellowship, again an alternation between the lonely and the shared. He starts with the fellowship of his own ideas. The mystic's ministers are his own myriad mental vibrations. Allow the mystic the fellowship of other mystics and his is a boundless sense of benefaction that makes of this planet a kingdom of eternal righteousness".

student at Boston University and has applied to live at Beacon Hill Friends House, but needs the weekly cost of $45. Hope was that individual Meetings could help.

William Foster, who has been serving on the Board of Beacon Hill Friends House for a number of years, would like to resign. Lewis Crain, of Providence Meeting, would be delighted to serve.

The Clerk closed the Meeting for Business by reading Query #3 from Ministry and Counsel: Do you each take an interest in the spiritual and temporal welfare of each individual member of the Meeting? Do you make yourself easily available to any who seek counsel and advice? Is your attitude one of friendlimess and love as you listen to others? Do you endeavor to encourage in your Meeting a sense of responsibility toward attenders, toward your neighborhood and toward those who have no religious affiliation?

Peter and Yolanda Bread then presented a fine illustrated report on the Conference of Quakerism in the Americas held in Witchita, Kansas.

Ruth Heath, Rec. Clerk pro tem.

RHODE ISLAND - SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING, Worcester, 4th Month 15, 1978

At the Pleasant Street Meeting House, minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. Representatives are: Providence-- William Foster, Mary Myers, Caroline Price; Smithfield-- Bessie Ewen, Eunice Strobel; Worcester-- Betty Bullerwell, Gregory Harrison, Margaret Angell, Elizabeth Jones, Letitia Jones; Westerly-- Kitty Bamner. All present.

Treasurer's report, with balance of $139.60, is accepted.

Robin Blanchard of Providence Monthly Meeting offers to represent this Quarter at Beacon Hill Friends House. She is approved as an alternate.

State of Society reports from Westerly and Worcester are read. In a discussion, the honesty and simplicity of these reports is commended. Others are to be read at a subsequent Quarterly Meeting.

It is asked that an activity for children and young people be planned for those attending the next Quarterly Meeting. It is approved that Kitty Bamner accept responsibility for this during the coming year.

The Quarter approves sending $50. to the Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund and $50. to China Camp.

Louis Marstaller, in attendance with Clarabelle and Tom, announces workshops on Celebration of Aging, at Mt. Toby 4/28 to 30/ 1978; Spiritual Healing, Goff Center in New Hampshire, 5/19 to 20/78; Christian Education Committee with Caroline Pineo at Dover, N.H., 5/20/78/. Preliminary reports of Yearly Meeting are at hand.

We wish to minute our thanks to Stella Wheeler for her hospitality and friendlinessx in providing us with delicious refreshments. Gregory Harrison states that in his opinion the new headmaster of Moses Brown School, David Burnham, a memmber of the United Church of Christ, meets the qualifications expected by Quaker members of the Search Committee. Jane Foster reports that Quarterly Meeting minutes for this Men's Quarter from 1847 to 1912 are missing. She would appreciate their being available for the Y.M. Archives. Rutherford Everest conducted a dialogue on preparation for and handling of Crisis. It was well received.

We closed with a period of silence, purposing to meet at Westerly 7/15/78.

Eunice Strobel, Clerk Pro Tem.

RHODE ISLAND-SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING at Westerly, R.I., 7/15/1978

Minutes were read and approved, with 25 Friends attending. The Clerk appointed Millicent Foster, Bessie Ewen and Robert Cool as a nominating committee. They proposed for the coming year: William Penhallow, Clerk; Robert Cool, Recording Clerk; T.Noel Stern, Treasurer. Approved. Representatives at this quarterly meeting are T. Noel Stern, Ruth Burgess (for whom Katherine Stern will substitute), Alice Wills, Victoria Valois from North Dartmouth; Ruth Smith, Lauriston Smith, Bessie Ewen from Woonsocket; Elizabeth Jones (regrets), Worcester; Mary Myers, Audrey Kestner, Caroline Price, William Foster from Providence.

The treasurer reported a balance of $74.13. He was authorized to bring the old account book to the next quarterly meeting before it is turnedover to the archives. Bank books will suffice in the future.

A messeage from Elizabeth Jones stated that thereis now a single, united Friends' meeting in Worcester, after yearsof preparation and planning. The news was received with interest.

Representatives to Beacon Hill Friends House corporation will be C. Robin Blanchard (board member) and Elizabeth Jones, if she agrees.

The Clerk asks that meetings send him a copy of their statistical returns when they are sent to the Yearly Meeting office.

State-of-the-society reports, deferred previously, were read. North Dartmouth finds its worship meetings a strong source of inspiration with a large proportion of messages brought by the attenders, who may be few in number. Periods of silence are also to their satisfaction. This Meeting reports concern that therevised Yearly Meeting Faith & Practice speak forthrightly on problemsof divorce and sexuality. Providence reports that its meetings for worship continue to grow. Messages that may be unshared verbally are appreciated as well as the "appropriate" spoken ones. A simple-living seminar, a retreat and a meditation workshop contributed to spiritual growth in the past year. The final weeksof Harold Myers' life were an inspiration to many, and a source of communal spiritual strengthening. Smithfield Monthly Meeting reported a "quiet year" with diminishing attendance a cause for concern. Silent worship gains in significance and a "faithful core" is active. Michael and Judi Miladin faithfully minister to religious needs.

Katherine Stern, for the standing committee of ministry and counsel, urged Quarterly Meeting Friends to send suggestions for rewriting "Faith & Practice" to Ruth Woodbridge. Our clerk urged that we think about the need for updating and new ideas.

With reading of Queries the business meeting closedm, purposing to meet again in Providence on 10th Month, 21, 1978.

Allison Oldham of New London had been invited by Westerly Friends, our hosts, to give a report on the New Call to Peacemaking. She is clerk of the yearly meeting committee on peace and social concerns. Unlike the anti-war movement of the 1960s, Allison Oldham said, the New Call has been initiated by three "historic peace churches", Friends, Mennonites and Brethren. In local regional conferences it has been bringing diverse denominationalists together to "revitalize the peace witness" by looking first to individual religious commitment as the basis for social reform. "If you are a Christian you must be a peacemaker," the speaker declared. Two New England-New York regional conferences have been held since the last Yearly Meeting. Both were at Powell House and well attended.

Quarterly Meeting agreed to contribute $25 to the speaker's cause, matching the samex sum provided by Westerly for this able presentation.

William Penhallow, Clerk Robert Cool, Recording Clerk

RHODEISLAND-SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING, Providence, 10/21/1978

After a worship service and lunch, the business meeting gathered with the following representatives reported: Tom and Katherine Stern, North Dartmouth; Hazel Meyers, Ambrose Meyers, Walter Limehouse, Audrey Kestner and Caroline Price, Providence; Kenneth Strobel, Eunice Strobel, Bessie Ewen, Smithfield; Alice Wills and ~~KatherineBammer~~ Kathleen Bammer, Westerly; Herman Platt, Joseph Zagarra, Elizabeth Jones and Letitia Jones, Worcester.

The treasurer reported a balance of $50.

Robert Cool spoke briefly on the New Call to Peacemaking Conference at Green Lake, Wis., October 5-8, which he attended as a representative of New England Yearly Meeting. More than 300 Friends, Mennonites and Brethren-- the historic peace Churches-- bore a united testimony against war and the things that lead to international tensions, injustice and conflict. The New Call is based on Christian teachings, conscience and reason. The sessions showed great unity, good will and earnest seeking for new solutions to an age-old problem which now threatens all civilized life. It is felt that if all religious people can unite for good ~~th~~ war may be made obsolete. Meanwhile, some will resist payment of military taxes, others will demand a reduction of arms and the nuclear threat. All should speak out and reach out so the voice of humanity can be heard.

Hazel Meyers reported that Saylesville Preparative Meeting has been re-established under Providence Monthly Meeting. A worship group has, of course, been meeting regularly in the ancient Saylesville meeting house. Now, business meetings are held at the rise of meeting on the final first day of each month.

The two monthly meetings which have merged at Worcester wish to retain membership for the time being in both Connecticut Valley and Rhode Island-Smithfield quarterly meetings, it was reported by Joseph Zagarra. No precedent for dual membership could be cited. It was decided that approval of the move rests with Yearly Meeting. Worcester Friends plan to review their experiment after two years.

North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, through its clerk Herbert Stevens, requested transfer from R.I.-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting to Sandwich Quarterly Meeting which is geographically closer. The affiliation with us was made a century ago on doctrinal and procedural grounds which then seemed more vital than they now are, it was stated. Ourclerk will refer the North Dartmouth request to the clerk of Yearly Meeting. William Penhally will also write a note to the clerk of Sandwich Quarter. The transfer was then approved by ~~in~~ our Quarterly Meeting, subject to approval of the Yearly Meeting. Katherine Stern stated that the Othiel Tripp fund belongs to R.I.-Smithfield Quarter, not to North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting.

Our program speaker was Susan Furry, clerk of peace and social concerns at Cambridge M.M., who described two kinds of peace tax fund which may soon become available to those who wish to take a stand against military spending of their taxes. Cambridge has started a fund where refusers may deposit sums withheld. A larger alternative is the World Tax Fund, a global project that is the subject of a bill in Congress.

Copies of the first report of the New Call to Peacemaking were given to representatives to return to their monthly meetings.

It is planned to hold our next October meeting st Saylesville instead of the Providence meeting house.

With the reading of queries we closed, purposing to meet April 21, 1979, at Woonsocket.

Robert Cool, Recording Clerk

On ~~July 21~~ April 21, 1979, the Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting gathered at the Woonsocket meeting house of Smithfield Monthly Meeting with these representatives present: Anne Rounds, Hope Gardella, Alice Wills, Westerly; William and Millicent Foster, Caroline Price, Providence; Letitia and Elizabeth Jones, Worcester; Eunice Strobel, Kenneth Strobel, Bessie Ewen and Judi Miladin, Smithfield; North Dartmouth, Katherine and Tom Stern.

Minutes of the last quarterly meeting were approved with corrections.

The treasurer's report was approved, with appreciation expressed for the work of Tom Stern in that capacity since 1969.

William Penhallow said he does not wish to continue on the Beacon Hill Friends House board. A nominating committee was then named to propose names for Quarterly Meeting clerk, recording clerk, treasurer and Beacon Hill representatives. The nominating committee consists of Bessie Ewen, Millicent Foster, Kenneth Strobel.

Fifty dollars was approved for the Yearly Meeting equalization fund and the same amount for China Camp.

The wish of Worcester-Pleasant Street Monthly Meeting to belong to both this quarterly meeting and also the Connecticut Valley Q.M., and so to be listed in the Yearly Meeting statistics, was again brought up. Louis Marstaller cited difficulties in such

a duplicate listing and membership. Nevertheless, it was the sense of the meeting that the request of Worcester-Pleasant Street be approved and supported. Statistics will be channelled to the Yearly Meeting to be worked on there.

State of Society reports from Westerly and Smithfield were read. A memorial minute for Harvey Chase Perry, from Westerly Monthly Meeting, was read, approved and a copy will be forwarded to the New England Year;y Meeting.

This Quarter adopted the following schedule of meetings: July 21, 1979, North Dartmouth; October, 1979, Saylesville; April, 1980, Worcester; July, 1980, Westerly.

A minute was read from Westerly Monthly Meeting in opposition to conscription for military purposes and asking support of other monthly meetings. After discussion, we approved sending a letter to Yearly Meeting endorsing Westerly's position.

It was stated that several members of this quarter attended a protest April 7 on the launching of a Trident submarine in Groton.

Hazel Meyers announced a retreat sponsored by Providence Monthly Meeting and Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Counsel which will be held May 18-20 in North Situate, R.I. The likelihood of ~~reppenn~~ reopenning the Meeting School at Rindge, N.H., was brought up by Shirley Olds. She and her husband will need at least 15 students by June 1 to enable them to do this, but the venture has a strong and responsive board of trustees and has aroused considerable interest among Friends.

In lieu of a query, the Clerk read the introduction to "Rhymes of a Red Cross Man" by Robert Service. He thanked Alice Wills for serving as recording clerk for the day, and the meeting adjourned purposing to meet July 21 at North Dartmouth.

James Tull, a Friend who teaches Religion at Moses Brown School, then delivered an informative talk on "Tax Resistance."

Clerk: William I. Penhallow Recording Clerk pro tem:

On July 21, 1979, 30 friends gathered at the Gidley Farm, as the guests of Ruth and Robert Burgess, after worship at the North Dartmouth meeting house. Representatives present were Thyra Jane Foster, Louisa White and Robert Cool, Providence; Bessie Ewen, Kenneth and Eunice Strobel, Smithfield; William Penhallow and Anna Coit, Westerly; all attenders, North Dartmouth.

Previous minutes were approved. Named to serve the Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting for the coming year were William Penhallow, clerk; Robert Cool, recording clerk; Bessie Ewen, treasurer. Richard Ristow is replacing William Penhallow on the board of Beacon Hill Friends House. Bessie Ewen is approved asa trustee of the Othniel Tripp Fund, and another new member will be sought to succeed Ruth Burgess as a trustee.

As this is the last quarterly meeting in which North Dartmouth will participate before joining Sandwich Quarter, T. Noel Stern gave his final report as tresurer, with a balance of $88.77. All present were invited to a supper and social gathering at Westport Meeting.

Westerly's minute in opposition to Congressional moves toward reinstating registration and possibly a military draft was read, endorsed and it will be sent to Yearly Meeting. A supplementary

minute, adopted here, directed the clerk to convey this quarter's opposition to compulsory registration for any purpose of surveillance or involuntary government service to the yearly meeting. Members are urged to write to Congress-persons.

Robert Leach, with an introductory minute from Geneva, Switzerland Monthly Meeting, brought greetings and urged that Friends of this Quarter "watch Over" the restoted 1699 Yearly Meeting House at Newport which he found to have many summer visitors but few Quakers in attendance.

Virginia Towle told about recent developments at the new Friends Community in North Easton, Mass. She suggested that meetings might purchase condominiums in the community, which will have a real Quaker character.

The clerk was directed to respond to a letter of greeting from Marion and Harry Goodwin, venerable members of North Dartmouth Meeting who now live in Denmark, Maine.

After the business meeting an historical program gave highlights of quarterly meetings in New England, presented by Thyra Jane Foster, and she was followed by Ruth Burgess with interesting information on the past of the North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting which started as a Wilburite group in 1845. The earliest quarterly meeting was formed for all New England in 1691. Sandwich Q.M. was set off in 1705 and Smithfield Q.M. in 1801. In 1951 Smithfield joined with the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. Elaine Stevens contributed some reminiscences of Ann Gidley Lowry, who lived for many years on the Gidley farm and exercised memorable gifts of personality and ministry.

Thanks were expressed to Tommy Penhallow, 14, for recording this program. In conclusion the clerk read a poem of his own composition.

Clerk: William Penhallow Recording Clerk: Robert Leach

At Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held the 20th of 10th Month, 1979, in Saylesville, Grace Lamb and Hazel Meyers were recognized as Representatives from Providence Monthly Meeting, Ruth and Lauriston Smith from Smithfield, Claire Hofer and Alice Wills from Westerly and Margaret Angell, Worcester.

Laurel Sachariason was welcomed as the new pastor at Woonsocket. In the absence of Bessie Ewen, treasurer, Kenneth Strobel reported that Q.M. funds have not changed.

With regard to the request by Worcester-Pleasant Street Monthly Meeting that it be a member of Connecticut Valley Q.M. as well as of R.I.-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, William Penhallow, our clerk, stated that the Yearly Meeting minutes will list the Worcester-Pleasatnt St. statistics separately, apart from either quarterly meeting involved.

Beacon Hill Friends House asks that we name an additional member to the board of directors to fill an existing vacancy. Present representatives are William Penhallow, Betty Jones, Richard Ristow and Robin Blanchard. Those interested are asked to communicate with the clerk.

The clerk reported that the Westerly Minute on threats of

a military draft had been presented to Yearly Meeting where it became the subject of a workshop. Claire Hofer urged that Friends' spiritual base for resisting such government moves be included in future mailings to Congressmen. Friends were told that the Friends Committee on National Legislation is closely following federal warlike moves.

After discussion of ways to make Quaker books available for borrowing or exchange at Quarterly Meetings, in which Eunice Strobel pointed out that the Y.M. Christian Education Committee has a rotating book display, our clerk suggested that we bring surplus Quaker books, old and new, to each Q.M. session. This should be mentioned in monthly meeting notices.

Baby and child care can be provided at quarterly meetings if parents will notify the host meeting in advance.

Young people are invited to inquire about accommodations at Beacon Hill Friends House in Boston.

Death of her sister, Mary Flagg, a lifelong member of Providence meeting who has been living in Tucson, Arizona, was reported by Luisa White. She was 95. Sympathy was expressed.

After a reading of queries, we adjourned, to meet at Worcester-Pleasant Street in April, 1980.

David Cordieron, a representative of Friends of Vietnam and Laotian Refugees in Cambodia, then spoke about procedures involved in the resettlement of such refugee families in U.S. communities. He told of experiences in Lincoln, R.I.

Clerk: William I. Penhallow Recording Clerk: Robert Cook

RHODE ISLAND-SMITHFIELD Quarterly Meeting met on the 19th day of 4th Month, 1980, at Worcester-Pleasant Street. After a worship service and bag lunch, a group of Young Friends and Michael Carter, Y.M. youth secretary, took part in a program.

First, these young people sat in the center of the room discussing their concerns and hopes without comment from the older Friends outside the circle. Later this format was reversed, the older Friends doing the talking. A general discussion, finally, created a dialogue between young and old.

The young people had expressed great concern about possible U.S. military registration. They wished guidance by more experienced pacifists to help them keep free of the war system. A desire to work against any drift toward international violence was apparent.

The elders responded by exploring possibilities of the Quarterly Meeting making youth guidance and education in practical Quakerism a primary commitment at this time. A sense of failing purpose in the Quarterly Meeting, and declining attendance, seemed to complement the desire for adult leadership expressed by the Young Friends. The latter were thanked for a vital contribution and challenge.

When our business meeting opened, after the program, the attendance had diminished. Representatives present were: Dieter Gomes, Providence; Anna Coit and Kathleen Bammer, Westerly; Elizabeth Jones, Letitia Jones, Francis Wheeler and Margaret

Angell, Worcester. Earlier Gregory Harrison had been present, representing Smithfield. By the end of the business meeting eight Friends remained. The recording clerk was asked to send unapproved minutes to the clerk of each member Meeting.

Previous minutes were read and approved.

William Penhallow, clerk, read a letter from Bessie Ewen, treasurer, reporting that the Othniel Tripp Fund has been transferred to R.I.-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting and is on deposit at the Old Stone Bank. Another savings account holds $198. It was decided to send $50. to Robert Brill for the Y.M. Equalization Fund. Fifty dollars will also be given to Michael Carter to help a new attender from this Quarter attend China Pond Camp.

A memorial for Nellie Fisher came from Smithfield Monthly Meeting and was read. It reminded us of Nellie Fisher's long and inspiring service as a First Day School teacher, as one who loved all God's creatures upon the earth, and as a capable business person, ever ready to bring cheer and efficiency to her meeting's activities. Minute forwarded to Y.M.

Loss of Caleb A. Smith, long a member of this Quarter but now in New Bedford, was called to our attention in a letter from Beacon Hill Friends House where a memorial service will be held April 27. It was also noted that Louisa White has passed away and a memorial service for her is being held this very afternoon in Providence meeting house. She was an old and faithful member of this Quarterly Meeting.

The clerk read state-of-the-meeting reports from Smithfield, Westerly, Worcester-Pleasant St. and Providence. These seemed significant, and will be used by the Clerk in drawing up a report for the Quarterly Meeting as a whole for forwarding to the Y.M. office. It will be ready for our July meeting.

A suggestion from Gregory Harrison that Q.M. meet in the old Bolton Meeting House, now on the grounds of Old Sturbridge Village, was brought forward by Margaret Angell. Gregory will be asked to investigate the matter.

Francis Wheeler proposed that Q.M. meet in the Uxbridge Meeting House, which is seldom used. This led to a provisional revised schedule for consideration by all concerned. It calls for a meeting at Westerly in July, 1980; at Uxbridge in October under the care of Smithfield Monthly Meeting which ordinarily would be host in the spring. Under this plan the Spring 1981 Quarterly Meeting would be held in Providence or Saylesville.

Another possibility, provisionally discussed, was to hold Quarterly Meetings on First Days after regular worship services of member meetings in rotation.

A nominating committee is in process of appointment.

After a reading from Faith & Practice, we adjourned, purposing to meet again at Westerly on June 19.

Clerk: William A. Penhallow Recording Clerk: Robert N. Cool

AT WESTERLY on July 19, 1980, gathered the Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, with about 35 attending. After a worship service followed by lunch we met in business session at 1:30 p.m. Present as representatives were: Jane and Henry Foster from Providence; Alice Wills and Anna Coit, Westerly; Margaret Angell and Edith Leavitt, Worcester; Lauriston and Ruth Smith and Bessie Ewen, Smithfield Monthly Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A nominating committee consisting of Henry Foster, Kenneth Strobel and Bessie Ewen was approved.

The treasurer reported $116.95 on hand, with $56 interest due Aug. 1 from the Othniel Tripp Fund.

William Penhallow, clerk, read a letter from Gregory Harrison requesting that, for professional reasons, his membership in Smithfield Monthly Meeting be changed to "affiliated"and that his resignation be accepted from Yearly Meeting posts and as a Recorded Minister of Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. The change has been allowed by Smithfield Monthly Meeting, its representatives atated. The Quarterly Meeting then approved the following minute: "At the request of Gregory Harrison, on account of his joining the Southern New England Conference of the United Methodist Church, as of June 6, 1980, his name is removed from the list of Recorded Ministers in the Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting."

Discussion of meeting places resulted in approval of this Q.M. schedule: At Uxbridge Meeting House under the care of Smithfield, Oct. 25, 1980; At Providence in April, 1981; at Westerly in July, 1981.

The idea of holding a Quarterly Meeting in the former Bolton Meeting House on the grounds of Old Sturbridge Village was put aside in favor of sometime having a worship service there.

Much interest greeted the clerk's reading of a letter he had received from the worship group which has been formed in the Friends Community at North Easton, Mass. They ask to be accepted as a new monthly meeting in the R.I.-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. Four Friends from North Easton were introduced by the clerk: Irven and Muriel Roberts, Polly Wood and Ilse Reich. After discussion of procedures, which included a thoughtful silent time

as well as consulting of the New England Faith and Practice, it was agreed that a "large" committee should visit the North Easton Friends Community worship group very soon. A general desire that way should be cleared for action at Yearly Meeting this summer was expressed. As named, the committee consists of Robert Cool,(convenor), Alice Wills, Eunice and Kenneth Strobel, Daniel Warren, Margaret Angell, William and Thomas Penhallow.

A letter of loving congratulation will be sent by the recording clerk to Melita B. Fisher on behalf of this gathering. Melita is observing her 97th birthday and for many years was clerk of Smithfield Monthly Meeting.

Memorials for William Foster and Elizabeth Foster, approved by Providence Monthly Meeting, were not available for reading, but are referred to the Yearly Meeting next month.

In closing, the Clerk read extracts from our Peace Testimony.

A timely symposium on draft registration and counselling had been arranged as a program by Westerly Friends. Harold Nomar, a member of Scarsdale, N.Y. Meeting, drew on wide experience as he enlisted others to show what conscientious objectors may expect and how they may respond to draft board interrogation. Assisting in the graphic presentation were Mark Gould, Debbie Burlingame, ~~Janet~~ Bona Coit, Richard Jeffrey and Eleanor Perry. It was emphasized that young Friends who oppose military service should start working on statements of faith and lining up references now.

Clerk: William S. Penhallow Recording Clerk: Robert Cool

Rhode Island - Smithfield Quarterly Meeting met at South Uxbridge, Ma. on October 25, 1980 with Smithfield Monthly Meeting as host meeting.

A meeting for worship was held at 11:00 A.M. Lunch and singing of hymns was enjoyed. B usiness meeting started at 1:15 P.M.

William Penhallow, clerk, gathered the meeting and read the minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting. These were approved. He welcomed the representatives from North Easton Meeting for the first time as part of the R.I.-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.

The following were representatives to this session:
N orth Easton - Irven Roberts, Muriel Roberts, Wendell Clepper, Barbara Brooks, Edwards Dickenson, Marjory Dickenson.
Providence - Richard Ristow, Mary Myers, Henry Foster, Jane Foster.
Westerly - Alice Wills.
Smithfield - Bessie Ewen, Laura Follett, Martha Smith, Lauriston Smith, Kenneth Strobel, Eunice Strobel.
Worcester - Margaret Angell, Elizabeth Jones, Letitia Jones, Elizabeth Leavitt, Frances Wheeler, Marjorie Wheeler.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of $193.98 in the savings account.

The naminating committee presented the following names for 1980-81.
Clerk - William Penhallow
Treasurer - Bessie Ewen
Recording clerk - Eunice Strobel
Beacon Hill Friends House Corporation - Alan Warren; Irven Roberts (2 years).
These names were approved.

A memorial minute for Nelson Horatio Wheeler was read. This will be forwarded to New England Yearly Meeting.

The committee appointed on July 19, 1980 to visit with the North Easton worship group in the summer of 1980 reported they discharged this responsibility faithfully. New England Yearly Meeting was notified that North Easton Friends were to be part of Rhode Island - Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. Sylvia Perry, clerk of Yearly Meeting, wrote an acknowledging letter dated 10/2/80.

In accordance with the action of the Quarterly Meeting session in Westerly on July 19, we approve the action of the committee and welcome the Friends Meeting at North Easton as part of the Quarterly Meeting.

Barbara Brooks reports that the new meeting has appointed Eunice Clark Smith to be clerk and Barbara Brooks to be recording clerk. She further reports that memberships are being transferred to this meeting since many of the people belonged to other Friends' meetings before coming to Friends Community.

Frances Wheeler spoke about the South Uxbridge Meeting House where we were having our sessions as a historic building. It now belongs to the Quaker Meeting House Association which maintains the building and promotes its use in the community. An ecumenical service is held each Thanksgiving Day.

Margaret Angell brought a concern from he Jr,-Hi age young people in Worcester asking for a one day retreat with others of the Quarterly Meeting. Randy Armant is to be the contact person.

The meeting closed with William Penhallow reading from Whittier's poems.

Clerk: Recording Clerk:

Thirty-two persons were present when the Rhode Island- Smithfield Quarterly meeting gathered at Providence on Saturday, April 18, 1981. The business meeting followed a well-attended period of worship at 11 a.m. and bag lunch as guests of Providence Monthly Meeting.

In the absence of the Recording Clerk, Robert Cool undertook to serve. Minutes of the previous meeting, in the old Uxbridge meeting house, were read by our Clerk and they were approved with the recommendation that recent minutes be checked to make sure that the proper differentiation is made between the Board of Beacon Hill Friends House and the Corporation, the latter being the selective of directors. (group)

Representatives were recognized as: From North Easton, Lucy Allen, Barbara Brooks; Providence, Jane and Henry Foster, Grace Lamb, Robert Cool and Thomas Perry; Westerly, Deborah Burlingame, Claire Hofer; Smithfield, Kenneth Strobel, Ruth and Lauriston Smith; Worcester-Pleasant Street, Margaret Angell, Letitia Jones, Betty Jones, Herman Patt and Mildred Patt.

Ruth Smith, speaking for the treasurer, reported a balance of $351.88. She also said the Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund will need more help this year. It was agreed that this Quarterly Meeting will give $125 each to the Equalization Fund and China Camp.

The Clerk read letters and announcements.

Three memorials from Worcester were read: for Dorothy Ann Gadyne, Mary Ellen Connors Brusoe, and James E. Frazier. It was stated by Margaret Angell that these names have been sent to Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting and it is not necessary for us to send them to Yearly Meeting. The tragic death of David Everest, 22, after a fire last January was noted. David, a former counsellor at China Camp, was the beloved son of Rutherford Everest, a former pastor at Worcester.

Wendell Clepper, of Friends Meeting at North Easton, read a memorial minute for Wayne Jones who died Dec. 8, 1980, after long and active service to Friends' causes and meetings. We approved sending the minute to Yearly Meeting with endorsement of any additions that may be made by Cambridge Monthly Meeting.

The ministerial list of this Quarterly Meeting - Margaret Angell, Robert Cool and George Jones - was approved for Yearly Meeting publication.

Wendell Clepper repeated North Easton's invitation to meet there, and the following Q.M. schedule was approved: July 18, 1981 - Westerly; October 17, 1981 - North Easton; spring, 1982 - Worcester; summer, 1982 - Saylesville or Providence (under the care of Providence Monthly Meeting).

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April 18, 1981 continued)

State-of-the-Meeting reports were read by the Clerk these being from Worcester, Providence, Saylesville, North Easton and Westerly.

Thomas Perry called attention to the over-all inquiry now in progress in connection with the retirement plans of Louis Marstaller after many years as Y.M. Field Secretary, and of Clarabel Marstaller, Administrative Secretary, and editor of The New England Friend. Ideas of changes in procedure or practice connected with these positions are being sought well before the projected retirements.

Our Clerk expressed his belief that the Quarterly Meetings have the care and nurture of new monthly meetings. William Penhallow then announced that because of a new business venture he must immediately retire as Clerk of this quarterly meeting. Expressions of thanks for his service were heard, and he regretted the shortness of the notice. He said that he will not preside at the next meeting.

A nominating committee was named as follows: Wendell Clepper, Thomas Perry, Daniel Warren, Margaret Angell, and Bessie Ewen. It will report at the next meeting.

After adjournment, purposing to meet again July 18, at Westerly, R.I., the speaker was introduced. Joshua Brown of Beacon Hill Friends House told of new concepts in Friends' service activities which have been evolving in the Midwest, where a recent conference on the subject was held.

Recording Clerk Pro tem

Robert Cool

RHODE-ISLAND-SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING, July 18, 1981-Westerly

Eunice Strobel, recording clerk, conducted the first part of this session of the Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting which commenced at 10 a.m., 7/18/81, with a worship hour in the Westerly Meeting House. A verse sent by William Penhallow was read:

"The time has come for me to go
Back to the inward way
And find again the Inner Glow
To return another day."

Thanks were expressed for his service as Clerk.

Representatives were recognized as follows: From Smithfield-Kenneth Strobel, Eunice Strobel, Kenny Strobel, Bessie Ewen; Westerly- Allan Warren, Alice Wills, Clare Hofer; Providence-Mary Myers, Caroline Price, Robert Cool; North Easton - Elizabeth Watson, George Watson, Eunice Smith, Jessie Jones, Irven Roberts, Muriel Roberts. Worcester- Pleasant Street - none present.

Minutes of the previous Q.M. were read, corrected and approved.

Bessie Ewen, treasurer, reported the balance on had is $225.20.

The memorial for Wayne Jones has been sent to Yearly Mtg. by North Easton.

Bessie Ewen, Clerk of the nominating committee, said that no nominee for Q.M. Clerk had been found, but Barbara Brooks was suggested as Recording Clerk; Bessie Ewen for Treasurer; and Elizabeth Jones to serve for two years on the Board of Beacon Hill Friends House with Allan Warren, Irven Roberts and Richard Ristow, if he agrees, to continue. Mark Gould of Westerly Meeting, when asked, agreed to serve as Q.M. Clerk. The entire slate was approved.

It was pointed out that our members to the Beacon Hill Friends House are to select one of their number for the Board of Managers of B.H.F.H.

Guests introduced were as follows: Marion Miccache, Kathleen Hodgdon, Amanda and John Baird.

T. Jane Foster announced that the Yearly Mtg.archives have recently been given a box of significant papers from the years 1815-1840, by the Howland family of North Dartmouth, formerly part of this Quarterly Mtg.

Robert Cool, concerned about reports of widespread unnatural treatment of animals in agribusiness and the drug industry, proposed that the following Query be endorsed by the Quarterly Mtg. for possible inclusion in the revised Faith and Practice book:

"Do you encourage a wholesome respect for the rights of animals upon the earth, shunning all cruelty to God's helpless creatures?"

After discussion pro and con, Mark Gould, who had taken over as Clerk, proposed that our monthly meetings consider the question of humane treatment of animals before our next session. Mark said he will write to the monthly meetings about this. Those present approved.

After the reading of a Query, the meeting adjourned until October 1981 in North Easton.

All present were invited to enjoy lunch and an afternoon at the shore as guests of Alice Wills.

Robert Cool
(Recording Clerk for the day)

RHODE ISLAND - SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING, North Easton, Mass.
Tenth month 17, 1981.

The meeting convened at 10:30 in the Lutheran church building near Friends Community. There were 34 Friends and guests present with Mark Gould, Clerk presiding at the business meeting.

After ashort period of silence in worship the minutes of July 18, 1981 were read and approved.

Representatives from Smithfield Meeting were Kenneth Strobel, Eunice Strobel, and Bessie Ewen. From Providence were Thomas Perry, Mary Myers, and Caroline Price. From Westerly Lisa Gould. From Worcester-Pleasant Street Russell and Margaret Angell. From North Easton were Eunice Smith, Barbara Brooks, and Irven and Muriel Roberts.

Bessie Ewen - treasurer - reported $280.70 on hand in the savings bank. Another $75.78 is due from the Othniel Tripp Fund in interest.

As a corporator for Beacon Hill Friends House Irven Roberts reported that Ann Kriebel and William Kriebel had been directors for one year. Building restoration is being undertaken. There are no foreign students boarding there at present. The assistant director is doing an evaluation of the antiques and pictures which were with the house when it was bequeathed to the corporation. Richard Ristow of Providence Mtg. is a board member this year. The new Monthly Meeting established at B.H.F.House is doing well.

Quarterly Mtg. members took up the matter of the possible formation of a new Query on the consideration of rights of animals which had been first presented at the April July Q.Mtg. by Robert Cool. This had been discussed in the Monthly Mtgs. during the time interim. It was thought that the 8th. and 9th. Queries in the newly revised version spoke well to our concern for all God's creatures human and animal. Robert Cool reemphasized his concern for animals used in agribusiness and experimentation. The whole question of increase in cruelty in the world was aired. It was then pointed out that our revised Advices also speak to this problem even more fully, and that since the Queries have already been accepted that the Revision Committee might be asked to put more stress on this subject in the Advices and emphasice our stand against cruelty to humans and animals. It was then approved that Robert Coll would write letters to this effect to the Revision Committee and to other Quarterly Mtgs; that Thomas Perry would speak to the Yearly Meeting Program Com. to see if a workshop on the subject might be in order for Yearly Mtg. 1982; and George Watson will bring the concern to Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Com.

Memorial minutes will be prepared for Ruth Woodbridge by Worcester Mtg.; and for Wendell Clepper by North Easton Mtg.

Mark Gould requested that each Monthly Mtg. send in to him in ten year spans (0-10;10-20 etc.) the number of members and constant attenders at Monthly Mtg. worship and business mtgs.

Eunice Smith, Clerk of No. Easton then introduced the speaker for the afternoon session. He was John Ormerod Greenwood, of Eastbourne Mtg., Sussex, England who was enroute to Melbourne to deliver the Backhouse Lecture. It was called "Celebration, a Missing Link in Quaker Worship." His wife was also present.

RHODE ISLAND - Smithfield quarterly Meeting, North Easton, Mass. Tenth month 17, 1981 continued)

It was announced that the April 1982 Q.M. would be held at Worcester-Pleasant Street Meeting; and in Saylesville in July 1982.

The Clerk Mark Gould then read the revised version of the 11th. Query following which there was a moment of silent worship.

Barbara Brooks
Barbara Brooks
Recording Clerk

RHODE ISLAND - SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING - Meeting a t Worcester-Pleasant Street Meeting - Fourth month, 17, 1982.

An hour of worship from 11-12 was experienced followed by lunch from 12 - 1.

Mark Gould, Clerk, opened the business meeting with a short period of silent worship.

The minutes of Oct. 1981 were read and after correction approved.

Representatives from North Easton - Barbara Brooks, Ilse Reich, Eunice Smith, and George and Elizabeth Watson; from Providence - Robert Cool and Thomas Perry; from Westerly - Anna Coit and Alice Wills; from Worcester-Pleasant Street - Margaret Angell, Ann Humes, Francis Reed, Francis Wheeler. No representatives present from Smithfield Meeting.

Bessie Ewen, treasurer, was absent. Approximately $300 is thought to be in the savings bank. Meeting approved a conditional division of the sum equally to China Camp, Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund, and Peace Worker Sue Devocaitis. The Clerk will confer with Bessie Ewen on this matter.

Terms for Beacon Hill Friends House Corporators expiring this July from this Quarterly Meeting are Irven Roberts and Allan Warren. Meeting approved reappointing these members for two years if they consent when contacted by the Clerk. Elizabeth Jones will be asked if she wishes to continue through 1983.

Mark Gould read the minutes of a meeting for Quarterly Meeting Clerks held in Dover, N. Hampshire March 27, 1982. Attenders considered problems in maintaining interest in Quarterly Meetings and their value in the Yearly Meeting structure. Nurturing of friendships between monthly meetings, educating younger members about Friends in neighboring areas, and possible realignment of meetings in quarters were some of the topics discussed. Several persons in this meeting (R.I. Smithfield) also spoke to this matter. Mark Gould is to investigate the possibility of having one of our Q.M.s in the

Rhode Island-Smithfield Q.M. at Worcester-Pleasant Street
Fourth month, 17, 1982 continued)

form of a retreat for adults and children.

The Clerk read a letter from Wayne Lauser who wishes to visit Meetings for the purpose of educating members about the dangers of nuclear weapons. He tries to make his presentation both fun and educational with songs, puppetry and slides. Ilse Reich and Eunice Smith spoke favorably about this young man.

The Clerk read a letter from Yearly Meeting Clerk, Sylvia Perry. This was in regard to overtures being made to neighboring meetings by monthly meetings not a part of our NEYM set up. Newport, R.I. (EFC-ER) and Portsmouth, R.I. (EFC-ER) are the groups making the overtures.

A letter from Jim Warram called attention to a conference on the Nuclear Arms Race to be held at Salem Q.M. April 24.

The Clerk read the statistics for 1981-1982. There are at present 304 members (without the numbers from Worcester-Pleasant St.) This is a loss of 3 members since 1980-1981.

The Meeting appointed Robert Cool and Kenneth Strobel to be a nominating committee to consider the need for a treasurer and possible assistant treasurer.

The Meeting approved continuing Mark Gould as Clerk, and Barbara Brooks as Recording Clerk.

Dates for future Q.M. s are as follows:

July 17,	1982	Saylesville
Oct.	1982	Smithfield
April	1983	Westerly
July	1983	No. Easton
Oct.	1983	Worcester-Pleasant St.

The State of Society Reports from Providence, Saylesville, Smithfield, No. Easton, and Westerly were read. Worcester-Pleasant St. had not yet approved its report in final form so Margaret Angell gave an oral report of its contents. These reports have been sent to Yearly Mtg. Ministry and Counsel.

Elizabeth Ferry from the Yearly Mtg. Christian Ed. Com. spoke about the help needed for Jr. Yrly. Mtg. in August in Gorham, Maine; the help she can give to monthly or quarterly meetings who need direction for planning childrens work; and a conference to be held April 30 - May 1 at Cambridge on the topic: Educating for Social Responsibility in the area of nuclear power and weapons. This is being sponsored by the Harvard Divinity School and other organizations.

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RHODE ISLAND - Smithfield Quarterly Meeting - Meeting at Worcester-Pleasant Street Meting - Fourth month, 17, 1982 continued)

Louis Marstaller, NEYM Field Secretary was also present, and called members attention to the needs for scholarship money for China Camp. He reported that costs at Yrly. Mtg. in Aug. will be the same as last year and that there will be 20 workshops. Equalization Fund for attendance at Yrly Mtg. is also in need of funds. He also asked members to try to find extra or unused copies of the 1966 Faith and Practice books to give to incoming members. The new version is still at least two years away from printing so the old books are becoming scarce.

A memorial minute for William Bammer of Westerly Meeting for Oct. 1981 was read.

Robert Cool and Thomas Perry were asked about progress made on the "Cruelty to Animals" concern brought up by Robert Cool in July and Oct. 1981. R. Cool had not realized that he was to do the letter writing so he had not carried out that part of the minute. George Watson reported that Peace and Social Concerns has already finished its program plans for August. Tom Perry had mentioned the concern to Sylvia Perry but it was too late for 1982 action. Tom Perry will compose a letter to reach the Program Committee for 1983 Yrly. Mtg.

Business Meeting closed when the Clerk read the 12th. Query from the revised version of Faith and Practice.

Recording Clerk
Barbara L. Brooks
Barbara Brooks

RHODE ISLAND - SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING -Meeting at Saylesville, R.I. Seventh month 17, 1982.

With 21 Friends in attendance, after Worship and lunch, Mark Gould read the previous minutes, which were approved. In the absence of Barbara Brooks, Robert Cool was recording clerk for the day.

Representatives were noted as follows: From Smithfield Monthly Mtg. Kenneth Strobel, Eunice Stroble, Louise Corrigan and Bessie Ewen; Westerly - Mark Gould; North Easton-Irven and Muriel Roberts; Providence- Virginia White and attenders. Regrets had been sent by Margaret Angell from Worcester-Pleasant St.

Bessie Ewen, continuing as Treasurer, reported a balance of $142.53 with $75.58 due August 1. It was agreed that our fiscal year starts in April.

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Eunice Strobel asked Friends to bring plastic prescription bottles and eyeglasses to Yrly. Mtg. for use in the Third World countries.

A letter on the Animal Rights query, which Robert Cool was asked to write and sent to our clerks, was read. The Query: "Do you encourage a wholesome respect for the rights of animals upon the earth, shunning all cruelty to God's helpless creatures?"

A memorial for Bessie Klein, sent by Worcester-Pleasant St. Meeting, was read by the clerk. For many years a teacher and the mother of four, Bessie was the wife of Norman Klein. She died at the age of 70 on Feb. 19, 1982, "a very dedicated, devoted and helpful member" of her meeting.

In a discussion led by the Clerk on ways to make Qrtly. Mtgs. more meaningful, several ideas were advanced.

Florence Mann - Reports should be given from member mtgs.

Irven Roberts - Membership lists from local mtgs should be made available to all, for greater intercommunication.

After this concern Mark Gould asked that membership lists, including if possible the "interests" of members, be provided by volunteers: Katherine Perry for Providence M.M.; Eunice Strobel, Smithfield; Irven Roberts, No. Easton; Mark Gould, Westerly.

Thomas Perry - told of an interesting program which Providence had built around a panel of members and attenders who had connections with health services. This idea might beextended to other fields for Q.M. programs.

Robert Cool - Representatives should be expected to report on the Q.M. at the following monthly mtg. Time is not always alloted for this.

Louis Marstaller, Yrly. Mtg. field secretary, brought greetings from Sandwich Q.M., being held today, and spoke in behalf of China Camp which this year "has less money for scholarships and more requests." The Meeting decided to send an additional $25 ($100 already having been given) for that purpose.

Louis Marstaller is completing may years of service as Field Secretary of the NEYM. For a similar period Clarabel Marstaller has been Administrative Secretary. They are retiring in August. The Rhode Island-Smithfield Q.M. approved sending a letter of appreciation for the visits by Louis and the service of Clarabel, who is also editor of "The New England Friend."

In this connection, a hope was expressed that the Yrly. Mtg. will be able to find another Friend, rather than a non-Quaker, to fill the post of Administrative Secretary.

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With the reading of a Query, the meeting concluded, purposing to meet again Oct. 16 in Woonsocket.

Anne Landis, a history teacher at Moses Brown School, was introduced by Virginia White, clerk of Providence Mthly. Mtg. Anne Landis gave a first-hand account of her experiences as one of the 700,000 Peace demonstrators from the U.S. and abroad who gathered in New York City on June 12. The rally was in support of a United Nations parley on the reduction of nuclear weapons. Though little could be seen, the speaker reported that the experience was inspiring and well-worthwhile. An atmosphere of friendliness prevailed; the outpouring of peace-loving humanity on such a tremendous scale gave rise to the feeling that "we are not alone." In the face of nuclear madness, "we felt deeply that we were employing our normality and humanity," the speaker said. "We made our presence known," as others are doing. She cited "incredible cooperation" which made the demonstration work. But war-mongering governments and the U.S. "civil defense" evacuation scenario were clouds which could not be escaped for very long, she indicated.

Thanks were expressed to Anne Landis for thoughtful presentation.

Robert N. Cool,
Recording clerk pro tem.

RHODE ISLAND - SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING - Meeting at Woonsocket, R.I. Tenth month 16, 1982.

Meeting gathered for an hour of quiet worship(11-12); followed by lunch and fellowship at the Woonsocket Meeting House. Clerk Mark Gould called the business meeting to order at 1:15.

Representatives from the monthly meetings were as follows: No. Easton - Lucy Allen, Muriel Roberts, Irven Roberts, Eunice Smith, and Barbara Brooks. Providence - Mary Myers and Caroline Price with Hazel Myers as attender. Smithfield - Louise Corrigan, Bessie Ewen, Ruth Smith, and Martha Smith, with Kenneth Strobel and Eunice Strobel attenders. Westerly-Mark Gould with Hope Guardello attender. Worcester-Pleasant Street - Betty Jones, Edith Levitt, and Ann Humes with Robert Humes as attender. Visitors present were Elizabeth Ferry of the NEYM Christian Education Com. and Lynn Peery assistant director at the Hingham Home.

The Clerk read the July 17 minutes as prepared by Robert Cool and they were approved.

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A letter was read from Thomas Ewell, the new NEYM Field Secretary. In it Thomas stated that he hoped to attend every Q.M. and Monthly Meeting in the Yearly Mtg. This meeting was also informed that Tom's wife Denise Ewell will be appointed the new Administrative Secretary to take the place of Clarabel Marstaller.

A letter composed by the Clerk to be sent in appreciation for the services of Louis and Clarabel Marstaller who retired in August, was read and approved.

Memorial Minutes were read for two Worcester-Pleasant Street members: Eleanor Shakour and Francis(Jewell Wilder Whitney) Wheeler. Their many years of faithfulness and service to their meetings was noted. These memorial minutes will be sent on to Permanent Board for consideration.

Elizabeth Ferry of the NEYM Christian Ed. Com. spoke of a very successful session for Junior Yrly. Meeting in Gorham in August. She urged older Friends to visit or work with the Juniors. In Sept. there was a workship in Amherst on Christian Ed. It was felt there that local meetings need to work on materials for sex education to be used by families and meetings. Elizabeth is visiting meetings. She recommended two books: 1) Parenting for Peace and Justice , and 2) How to Help Your Child Have a Spiritual Life. . The second title is not exact but members may write to Eliz. Ferry for the title and the author. Christian Ed. will sponsor workships in the winter and spring. She asked Q.M. members to write brief answers to the question : Why do Friends avoid working with children in First Day School? The answers will help her develop material for the workshops. She showed a study packet about Wm. Penn published by Friends Journal on the occasion of the celebration of the 300th. anniversary of the start of Penn's Holy Experiment in the New World.

Irven Roberts was called on to give a brief report about Beacon Hill Friends House. He spoke of the new leaders - Anne and Wm. Kriebel and their good work; of the sale of antiques and artifacts to make money available for updating the buildings; of a new heating system that has been installed.

Lynn Peery - Assistant Director at the Friends Home in Hingham spoke briefly. There are two resident Friends as well as staff at the Home. There is to be an Open House for all Friends and friends of the Home Oct. 17, 1982. The directors expect to have some workshops on aging in the coming months.

Anne Humes - Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel member spoke of the winter workshop - Dec. 4 - at Hartford - on the theme Making a More Spiritual Basis for Friends Meetings. This will be a dual workshop open to interested in 1) Worship Sharing and 2) Clerking. She also stated that Min.&Counsel needs to know

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what concerns that arise in Q.M. and Monthly Meetings should come to the attention of Yrly. Mtg. Min. & Counsel.

Kenneth Strobel, speaking for the Uxbridge Quaker Meeting House Association (historical) invited members to attend the Thanksgiving morning service starting at 9:30 at the old Uxbridge Mtg. House. This was a concern sponsored by the late Francis Wheeler of Worcester-Pleasant St. Mtg.

The Clerk brought up the concern about the length of time needed for Spiritual Condition Reports if presented in full to the April Q.M. He asked permission to summarize these reports for reading at the April Q.M. Members approved provided that all monthly Spirit. Con. Reports were prepared and sent in by March. Then the Clerk would have time to xerox them and send them to local meetings for reading on their own tiem. Members were also reminded to make their local originals more concise. The local meetings would, as usual, send on originals to Yrly. Mtg. Min. & Counsel unabridged.

The second concern brought before the members was expressed in the question "Whither Quarterly Meetings?" Do we advertise our work, and send invitations to attend in the local papers, phone books, or Friends Magazines? Smithfield Friends find their local paper uninterested in news items unless in the form of paid announcements. The following suggestions for improving Q.M. were suggested: Develop topics for discussion in local Monthly Mtgs.; have workshops with discussions; use weekend retreats and discussions and programs for the whole family. Hope Guardello mentioned such successful retreats which used the Methodist Retreat Center at Camp Aldersgate in Gloucester. Mark Gould will write to Aldersgate for information as to open dates and costs for a possible Q.M. retreat. It was approved to have a workshop type program in Westerly for the April 16 Q.M.

Kenneth Strobel - spoke on behalf of the Wider Ministries Com. of NEYM. Friends World Com. for Consultation can provide speakers to inform us about the Triennial session in Kenya this past summer, and about the problems amongst Friends in that area. There are two women Kenyan students in New England at present, one in Boston and one in Worcester. She would like to have them invited to visit Friends especially during holiday periods.

Kenneth Strobel reported on Smithfield members efforts in working for the Nuclear Freeze.

The Clerk thanked Smithfield Mtg. for its pleasant hospitality.

Meeting was closed when the Clerk read the second general Query followed by quiet meditation.

Barbara Brooks Recording Clerk

Barbara Brooks

RHODE ISLAND - SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MTTING
Meeting at Westerly, R.I. Fourth month, 16, 1983

Following a 9:30 to 10:00 welcome by the Westerly host meeting Friends gathered in the meeting room for a worship hour. Meeting for Business settled at 11:10 with Mark Gould, Clerk, presiding.

Representatives answering from the monthly meetings were:
No. Easton - Eunice Smith, Jeanne Clepper, Barbara Brook s
Providence - Mary Myers, Caroline Price
Smithfield - None present at start of meeting.
Westerly - Alice Wills, Anna Coit
Worcester-Pleasant St. - Edith Leavitt, Betty Jones, Margaret Angell.
Visitors: New London - Rhoda Way
Block Island - Ted and Lucy Martin
Rockland, N.Y. - Christopher Stern
State College, Penn. - David Park substituting for John Curtis.

Total in attendance being about 30.

The Treasurer being absent it was approved that the Clerk confer with Bessie Ewen about dispersal of funds in hand to go to such NEY M Committees as China Camp and the Equalization fund or others as has been done previously.

Betty Jones - one of the trustees of the Stephen Aldrich Fund - reported that difficulties had arisen about having interest updated on the fund. She will need to investigate further since some time has elapsed in keep-track of this fund when Elvie Ramsdell moved out of the Q.M. area. Betty will confer with others who have been involved with the fund in the past. Another trustee fro the fund will need to be named to replace Audrey Kestner who has removed to Montana.

Correspondence received by the Clerk or sent in answer to inquires made by the Clerk consisted of: A letter from Tom Ewell urging continuation of the Quarterly Mtgs. as occasions for productive work rather than just social gatherings.

The Clerk had investigated the retreat sites available in the Q.M. area. He found that Aldersgate in Gloucester needs to be booked at least a year ahead, and that the number of other sites in this area are limited. Helen Glenn had sent in information about Young Friends activities. Joanne Hemenway sent in 4 concers of NEYM Ministry and Counsel about 1) Week end Conference dealing with sexuality 2) Homosexuality 3) More support to Friends in times of stress & joy 4) Organization of of Friends Counselling Service within NEYM

The Meeting School, in Rindge, N.H. wishes to present its case for support at some Q.M. in the near future.

Dates for Q.M. Meetings for 1983-1984 are as follows:
1983 July - No. Easton
1983 Oct. -Worcester-Pleasant Street
1984 April - Providence
1984 July - Smithfield
1984 Oct. - Westerly

Statistics for 1983 revealed a gain of 1 member. Westerly had gained 7 members. Other meetings had lost 6. Total membership 400.

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Ted Martin spoke about the new worship group on Block Island under the care of Westerly Monthly Meeting. It has met at the home of Ted and Lucy Martin for 3 or 4 years, mostly in the summer, with an attendance of from 3 to 11 persons. The Martins now live on Block Island year round and welcome visitors to their home and meeting. The phone there is 401-466-2055.

Bob Cool spoke to his concern for Animal Rights. He had written to several people about his concern. He read from articles on the subject and he gave out copies of an article from the Salem State Log entitles Animals: The Silent Majority. He also called attention to a Mobilization for Animals to be held on Boston Common, April 24, '83.

Nominations for 1983-1984 were carried on by the body of the Q.M. since no nominating committee had bden appointed in Oct. It was approved to retain the present Clerk - Mark Gould; and recording Clerk - Barbara Brooks. Mark Gould will ask Bessie Ewen if she will continue as treasurer.
Incorporators for Beacon Hill Friends House will need naming.
Debra Burlingame of Westerly volunteered and was approved to replace Betty Jones. Richard Ristow will be asked to continue - by the Clerk.

The Clerk had not received the Monthly Mtg. State of Society Reports all at one time so he was unable to make a summary report for this mtg. as planned. Instead representatives from each meeting read each full report. Mark Gould said he would now make a Q.M. summary report for NEYM, and also send on the full reports to NEYM for Ministry and Counsel.

The Clerk asked for suggestions for new business. One suggestion was for Ministry and C. members of the individual mtgs. to meet to prepare material with the Clerk in preparation for Q.M. This would be a revival of a procedure which had been used in the past. Another suggestion was for a Q.M. Day centered on at least four of the monthly meeting committees to share their ideas and problems with one another - rather than having a program with speakers.

Business Meeting concluded, the Clerk read the 3rd. Query which was followed by a period of silent meditation.

The afternoon program followed a pleasant fellowship lunch. Christopher Ster presented his message in which he expressed concern that present day Friends return to the spiritual basis for Quakers as understood and lived by George Fox and the Valiant Sixty when the Society was founded. Q.M. Friends listened and responded with their ideas following the presentation.

Westerly Friends were thanked for their warm hospitality and Meeting closed purposing to meet at No. Easton in July 1983.

Mark Gould Clerk

Barbara Brooks
Recording Clerk

RHODE ISLAND - SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING
Meeting at No. Easton, Ma. Seventh month 16, 1983

Quarterly Mtg. gathered at the Lutheran church in No. Easton. A total of about forty were present during the day. Mark Gould, Clerk, presided.

Following a 9:30 to 10:00 welcome and coffee time, a half hour of worship preceded the business session.

The Minutes of the Q.M. of April 16, 1983 were approved.

Representatives from the meetings were:

No. Easton_ Eunice Smith, Ilse Reich, Jeanne Clepper, Barbara Brooks, Edwards and Marnie Dickinson, Irven Roberts, Charlotte Blaschke etc.

Providence_ Robert Crossman, Paul Klinkman

Smithfield_ Ruth and Lauriston Smith

Westerly_ Debra Burlingame, Kitty Bammer

Worcester - Pleasant St._ Richard Reed, Frances Reed, Anne Hume, Margaret Angel, Betty Jones

Visitors_ Frances Ross, Marian Paulsen, Sylvia Perry, Thomas Ewell, Elizabeth Ferry, Jean van Orman, Lea Masiello, Jim Cahalan and Claire Cahalan. Mark Gould and Charlotte Blaschke told of visiting the Martins on Block Island. (See April Minutes)

The treasurer, Bessie Ewen, reported that there was on hand $429.30. It was approved that $150 of the funds go to NEYM Equalization Fund; another $150 to go to NEYM China Camp, and expenses for the Quarterly Mtg. to come from remainder.

Betty Jones reported that the Worcester bank required the names of three trustees in writing from the Q.M. before the bank would release funds for use from the Stephen Aldrich Fund. Mark Gould was approved to be the third trustee of the fund. The three trustees are as of this date: Betty Jones, Eunice Strobel, and Mark Gould. A minute to this effect was written by Mark Gould and given to Betty Jones. Eunice Strobel spoke of the need to make the sum of about $3,000 available to needy Friends in the quarter. Each Q.M. Meeting should be aware of the fund and draw on it as needed. XXXXXXXXXX Contact should be made with the trustees.

Mark Gould will write to the Clerks of the Meetings in the Q.M. to discuss possible changes in the Q.M. dates of meeting because of conflict with Sandwich Q.M. A short mtg. of Clerks present found that there was no easy way to change dates so the Oct. date at Worcester-Pleasant St. would remain as previously planned.

Meeting at No. Easton, Ma. Seventh month 16 , 1963 cont.)

Further thought on the problem will need to be developed in local Meetings. Hourly time changes for Q.M. Mtg. day need to go to NEYM minutes for 1984.

Eunice Smith brought up as old business (see April 16, 1983), the question on planning for Q.M. sessions. After discussion on the matter it was conceded that there should be definite preplanning for the programs with efforts made to use the time for Committee workshops with participation and sharing by the various meetings. It was also hoped that there could be a revival of the Q.M. Ministry and Counsel premeeting for enrichment of the spiritual life of the Q.M. Business will remain open for free discussion except for the agenda prepared by the Clerk - items for business to be given to the Clerk for inclusion. Tom Ewell, Field Secretary, then emphasized his suggestions that that each Monthly Mtg. review the purpose of Q.M. in order to strengthen them and the whole structure of NEYM.

A travel Minute for George and Elizabeth Watson who will be in Woodbrooke for a year beginning in Sept. , and also traveling on the continent, was approved to be added to one written by the Clerk of No. Easton. This will then go to Yearly Meeting August Mtg. for approval. Barbara Brooks will see it through the process.

The Clerk read an announcement about a Sept. 23-25 Conference on Ministry for New York and New England Yrly. Mtgs, to be held at Powell House in Old Chatham, N.Y.

Sylvia Perry reported that a special minute on homosexuality on which Ministry and Counsel has been working, will be presented to the August Yearly Mtg.

Frances Ross from Northwest Quarter, introduced a booklet titled "What About the Children", prepared by Parents and Teachers for Social Responsibility, Moretown, VT. This booklet was developed because of the concern that Northwest Q. has about the nuclear problem.

Margaret Angel Spoke about her membership on the Worcester County Ecumenical Association which has developed fine ways of presenting their concern about war. Can we make use of some of their speakers and films?

Ken Strobel announced that Melita B. Fisher would celebrate her 100th birthday on July 20. A reception would be held in Smithfield Mtg. house on July 17. Friends were invited to attend. Melita had given many years of service as Clerk of Smithfield Mtg. and also served at times as Q.M. Clerk. Q.M. will send greetings to Melita with love.

Clerk, Mark Gould, thanked No. Easton for hosting the Q.M. The Clerk read the Fourth Query. A period of meditation followed and business concluded, Meeting purposing to meet in Worcest on Oct. 15, 1983.

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Q.M. Meeting at No. Easton, Ma. Seventh month 16, 1983 cont.)

The program for the rest of the day was as follows:

At the rise of business meeting Rosalind Wiggins reported on Friends Archives now at the Rhode Island Historical Society, 121 Hope St., Providence, R.I. 02906. She showed one of the early vellum books of records and read excerpts from it beginning with early dates - 1682. These records are of value in various ways because of their references to memorials, lists of monies paid out for sufferings during wars, land ownership and transfers, and general history of Friends and genealogy. All Monthly Mts. are asked to keep good records for themselves and make copies for the archives. Ten year batches should copied on to premalife paper and sent to archives. Premalife paper chouls be kept separate from other paper because of its chemical composition. Q. Meetings records should be handled in like manner.

Following lunch during which Eunice Smith and Irven Roberts showed slides of the No. Easton Friends Community, Friends separated in to two workshop groups. The Christian Education workshop was lead by Elizabeth Ferry. Problems and ideas were shared. Small First Day school numbers and fluctuation in attendance were common to all. Elizabeth recommended the use of Sparklers - material suitable to be used on a one time or continuing basis. She also suggested that small mtgs. as a whole group use drama situations for learning and teaching - and material titled Quaker Visitors by J. Schroeder could be used for that purpose.

Jean van Orman reported on the Stewardship wrokshop which was led by Frances Ross of Northwest Quarter. The many facets of stewardship were explored. Lest workshop participants be overwhelmed by the magnitude of their relationship to the problem Friends were urged to work out in their own lives the areas of stewardship which they were best able to handle.

Following a concluding half hour of worship, Quarterly Mtg. adjourned.

Barbara Books
Recording Clerk

Mark Gould Clerk

RHODE ISLAND - SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING
Meeting at Worcester - Pleasant Street, Tenth month 15, 1983

Quarterly Meeting gathered at the Worcester-Pleasant Street Meeting in Worcester. A total of about 30 people were present during the day. Mark Gould, Clerk, presided.
Following a moment of silence, the minutes of the July 16, '83 meeting at North Easton were approved.

Representatives from the Monthly Meetings were:
North Easton - none
Providence - Hans-Dieter Gomes, Carolyn Price, Mary Myers
Smithfield - Ken and Eunice Strobel, Bessie Ewen
Westerly - Alice Wills, Claire Hofer, Hope Gardella
Worcester-Pleasant Street - Anne Humes, Edith Levitt, Norman and Millicent

The tresurer, Bessie, Ewen, reported that the balance was $93.00 . A discussion concerning costs to be paid for holding Quarterly Meetings was held. Host meetings will pick up the expenses incurred as no fees are levied to each meeting.

Betty Jones reported that the Stephen Aldrich Fund contains the following: Worcester Savings, two accounts of $5,070.48 and $8,702.21 each -- total of $13,772.69. The account was last used in 1967. The three trustees (Betty Jones, Eunice Strobel, and Mark Gould) will meet to determine the criteria for the use of the fund. If any members of the Quarter are in need, they should contact one of the trustees.

The meetings of this Quarter will remain on the third Saturday of April, July and October. The conflict that exists with the Sandwich Quarter will continue and the staff of Yearly Mtg. will divide their time between the meetings.

A message from Tom Ewell was shared. Tom felt that the Quarterly meetings should provide 1. a sense of worship, 2. a sense of fellowship, 3. a communications link and 4. a Ministry and Counsel. It was approved that the Quarter establish a Min. . and Counsel Committee to be comprised of members from each Meeting. This Committee will meet an hour before each Q.M. The functions of the Committee include planning of future meetings, retreats, etc.

A concern about the Friends on Nantucket was received. Membership within a Quarter is desired and the Clerk will inquire.

Anne Humes reported that the Program Com. for Yearly Mtg. would be meeting on Nov. 11, 1983. Any suggestions for workshops should be communicated to her.

It was announced that two Yearly Mtg. workshops sponsored by Ministry and Counsel would be held at New Bedfor and Durham, Maine in the near future. Topics include the role of Min. and Counsel in the Spiritual Growth of the Meeting and Individual spirituality.

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(Meeting at Worcester-Pleasant St., Tenth month 15, 1983 continued)

Young Friends will hold a retreat in Westport on Oct. 28-30 under the direction of Tricia Sittig.

The Clerk announced that future meetings will be held: April, 84 - Providence; July, 84 - Smithfield; October, 84 - Westerly.

The Clerk asked each Meeting to provide him with a copy of their State of Society Reports by 15 March so he could prepare a State of the Quarter Report.

A nominating committee comprised of Betty Jones and Eunice Strobel was approved. At the next meeting the Clerk, Recorder, Treasurer and Beacon Hill House representatives will be selected.

The Clerk thanked Worcester-Pleasant Street for hosting the Q.M. and read the Twelfth Query. A period of meditation followed and business concluded.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Mark Gould, Clerk

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Following lunch a discussion of the Catholic Bishop's Pastoral Letter on War and Peace was led by Sister Mary Hennessey. Sister Hennessey, the associate Vicar for Religious and a member of the Coalition for Peace and Justice for the Worcester Catholic Diocese, talked about the history of the letter, its development, and future impact upon the Catholic Church and the country. The presentation was thought provoking and discussion occurred concerning the Peace Testimony and Pastoral letter.

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RHODE ISLAND - SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING
Meeting at Providence, R.I. Fourth Month (April) 21, 1984

Quarterly Meeting gathered at the Providence Meeting House. Worship was held from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. Business then proceeded as follows:

Gathered in a short period of silence. Mark Gould, Clerk, read the minutes of Oct. 15, 1983. These were approved as read. A suggestion that copies of draft minutes be sent to the separate Monthly Meetings was approved, and Irven Roberts offered to make the copies and mail them to the Meetings. This was approved.

Representatives to this Q.M. were: Charlotte Blaschke, Barbara Brooks, Ilse Reich and Irven Roberts from North Easton; Robert Crosman, Caroline Price and Virginia White from Providence; Carol Burak (absent), Bessie Ewen and Rhoda Mowry from Smithfield; Anna Coit, Claire Hofer and Hope Gardella from Westerly; Margaret Angell, Elizabeth Jones and Anne Humes from Worcester-Pleasant Street. There were 26 attenders at the Business Meeting.

(Meeting ag at Providence, R.I. Fourth month, 21, 1984 cont.)

Bessie Ewen, Treasurer, reported $231.92 in a savings account, and that a term account would soon mature.

The Nominating Com. brought in the following list of appointments for the ensuing year: Clerk - Mark Gould; Recording Clerk - Barbara Brooks; Treasurer - Bessie Ewen; Representatives to Beacon Hill Friends House Board - Allan Warren and Richard Ristow. This list was approved.

Elizabeth Jones, reporting on the Stephen Aldrich Fund, stated that there was in the Fund at the present $13,206.31. $500. had been given to a needy person in the Quarterly Meeting. The Trustees had agreed that the bulk of the amount first mentioned would be put in the World Pax Mutual Fund.

State of Society Reports were read by Monthly Mtg. representatives. Spiritual health is evident in all Meetings. Activities vary in quantity depending on the size of the Meeting. Outreach is made in the wider communities of each locale. Attendance at some Business Mtgs. is not as good as would warrant based on the size of the memberships. These reports were accepted. The Clerk reminded Meetings that he had not received the reports in time to make a condense Q.M. report as had been so approved after last year's reports were given. The Clerk was then approved to make the condensed Quarterly Mtg. Report.

The Clerk then asked permission to work with the newly formed Quarterly Mtg. Ministry and Counsel Committee. This was Approved.

Two Memorials were read: The Memorial for Grace MacNamara of Smithfield Meeting had been written by Melita Fisher (100 years of age at the time). The second Memorial was for Lucy Fisk Allen of Friends Meeting at North Easton. These Memorials will be sent on by the Clerk to Yearly Meeting.

Notice was given of the deaths of Louise Cool of Providence Mtg. and Willard H. Ware of Worcester-Pleasant St. Meeting. Memorials will be prepared by their respective Meetings.

Anne Humes of Worcester-Pleasant St. Mtg. stated that they have formed a Committee to consider their present relationship to the two Quarterly Mtgs. to which they belong and other Quarters to which they might belong. This Committee will keep Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarter informed about the outcome of their searching.

Caroline Price of Providence Mtg. asked the individual mtgs. to consider having Quarterly Mtg. gather on Sundays instead of Saturdays. Ministry and Counsel will also be asked to consider this change.

(Meeting at Providence, R.I. Fourth Mont.21, 1984 continued)

Grace Lamb of Providence Mtg. is at present the representative to the Rhode Island Council of Churches. She invites other members of Quarterly Mtg. to accompany her, or to be her substitute, to the meetings on the first Monday of each month.

Judith Lewis of Providence Mtg. called the attention of members to the special program on Historical Archives to be held at Moses Brown School June 15-17.

Margaret Angell invited members to Worcester-Pleasant St. Mtg. to hear Margaret deRivera speak on April 22. Margaret deRivera was part of a group that witnessed for peace on the border of Honduras and Nicaragua.

Ken Strobel had a concern for the long time attenders at Monthly Mtgs. who are called "attenders". He asked for help in designating them in a more appropriate manner. Others spoke to Ken's concern. Tom Ewell, Field Secretary of Yearly Mtg., suggested that this might be one topic that will be considered during the larger topic of "membership" to be considered in a Fall Workshop by New England Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk read a letter from Audrey Snyder of Cobscook Meeting, Whiting, Maine. The topic of the letter owas their stand on Nuclear Armaments and their hope that other Meetings would make such stands public. The Clerk will send copies of the letter to individual Meetings and any further action may be taken in our Quarterly Meeting in July.

Tom Ewell emphasized the need for intervisitation between Mtgs. in the Quarterly Mtgs., and the need to encourage new members coming in to the Society to be active. Tom recommended that Mtgs. acquire the book titled Beyond Majority Rule by Michael Sheeran, a Catholic writer who gives a perspective on Quaerism as seen by a person outside of our Society. Tom Ewell also reported that he will be part of a group from Maine that will be witnessing for peace on the Honduras-Nicaragua border shortly.

Anne Kriebel, of Beacon Hill Friends House, called attention tO programs and activities that are ongoing or upcoming at the House.

Representatives were then recognized by the Clerk, as were visitors.

The Clerk then read Query #1 from the proposed Queries for Q.M./ and, after a time of thoughtful consideration, Business Mtg. concluded.

Barbara Brooks, Rec. Clerk

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The afternoon session was on Quaker Education. Dorothy Gifford, teacher at Lincoln School for 45 years, spoke of encouraging students and making them aware of their responsibilities. Members of Moses Brown School staff, Paul Graseck, Frank Sterrett, and Judith Lewis spoke of the power of non-violence, personal access to Truth, and need for a sense of "community".

MEMORIAL MINUTE FOR LUCY FISKE ALLEN

Friends Meeting at North Easton, February, 1984

Lucy Fiske Allen, a beloved member of Friends Mtg. at North Easton, died on July 26th, 1983, at the age of 77. She had joined the Society of Friends in 1958 and was a quietly useful member of Cambridge Mtg. until her move to Friends Community in 1980, when she became a member of our Meeting.

In 1927 Lucy graduated from Radcliffe College with a major in Art History. After a brief interlude of work in that field, she was, for over 40 years, a valuable secretary in the Surgical Departments of Massachusetts General Hospital, always dependable for information, organizing and editing.

Lucy's adventurous spirit and artistic eye were manifest in her wide travels here and abrod, and in her exquisite color photographs.

Her volunteer work was likewise varied. Working for the Union of Concerned Scientists for 7 or 8 years, she showed there, as she did at the MGH, her faithfulness and her sense of order. She served for many years on the Advisory Committee of the Cambridge Center for Adult Education, and as Secretary and Board member of Cambridge Friends School.

In Friends Community, Lucy devoted many hours and the space in her home for setting up and running a library, which served our Meeting and all the residents.

She is remembered by her friends as serene, strong, courageous, and unusually wise in her ability to say "no"! At the Memorial Service held for Lucy on Sept. 11, many voices spoke of her sense of humor and her unselfish work for peace. She was gentle, firm and thoughtful, and she enriched our lives with a warm and quiet Quaker spirit which gave evidence of her "Light within".

Eunice Clark Smith, Recordg. Clerk

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MEMORIAL MINUTE FOR GRACE JACQUES MCNAMARA

Read and approved at Smithfield Monthly Mtg. on March 25, 1984.

Grace Jacques was born in Woonsocket, R.I. on Jan. 29th, 1885. In 1914 she married Patrick McNamara and this union produced one son, Richard.

She was a member of the Smithfield Monthly Mtg. of Friends. She displayed her deep love of her meeting and its activities by serving as an elder and on verious committees, possibly slightly partial to the missions.

For many years she transported members to morning worship and to missionary and other committee mtgs. during the week.

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Aside from these activities her main interest was her family. She loved animals and especially birds and cats.

In her later years her main means of communication was by writing, which she liked to do.

(NOTE: This memorial was composed by Melita B. Fisher, a long time Clerk of Smithfield Monthly Mtg. Melita was 100 years of age at the time of the writing.)

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MEMORIAL MINUTE FOR ADELINE RANDALL OF SMITHFIELD MEETING

Adeline Randall died March 16, 1984, at age 75. She was the daughter of the late Frederick and Adeline Turner Randall. She was a member of Smithfield Monthly Meetiing for a number of years. A generous person, contributing substantially to the Meeting. She was a member of the Friends Ladies Aid Society. For years she contributed sweets to the Sunday School children at their annual Christmas party.

Adeline was very appreciative of the beauty of nature, loving flowers, plants, trees and birds. She was very knowledgeable about the names of various species of plants and flowers. She added a great deal to our worship services for many years by giving floral bouquets and plants to adorn the Meeting. In later years when her health did not permit her to attend Meeting, we felt her presence by her flowers.

She was a Mathematics instructor at Woonsocket High School for a number of years before retirement. Her former students have told of her ability in that field and have high praise for her as a teacher. We miss her in many ways, including her Quaker approach to solving problems.

55 Homestead Ave.
No. Smithfield, R.I. 02895
May 9, 1985

Dear Mark,

This is a copy of a statement I received from North Easton.

This is a statement of the expenses our Meeting incurred for Quarterly Meeting on April 20, 1985.

RENTING OF FILM ON CENTRAL AMERICA	$20.00
TRAVEL EXPENSES — LAWRENCE CARGILL	10.00
ROOMS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH	30.00
	$60.00

We hope that Quarterly Meeting will reimburse us for these expenses.

In peace
Ilse Reich, Treasurer.

We at Smithfield Meeting are upset by this as we thought we made it clear to them in August of 1983 that each Meeting in the Quarter pays whatever expenses are incurred when they are hosts.

What do you think I should do? I know you are stepping down as Clerk but would like your opinion.

Sincerely,
Bessie T. Owen

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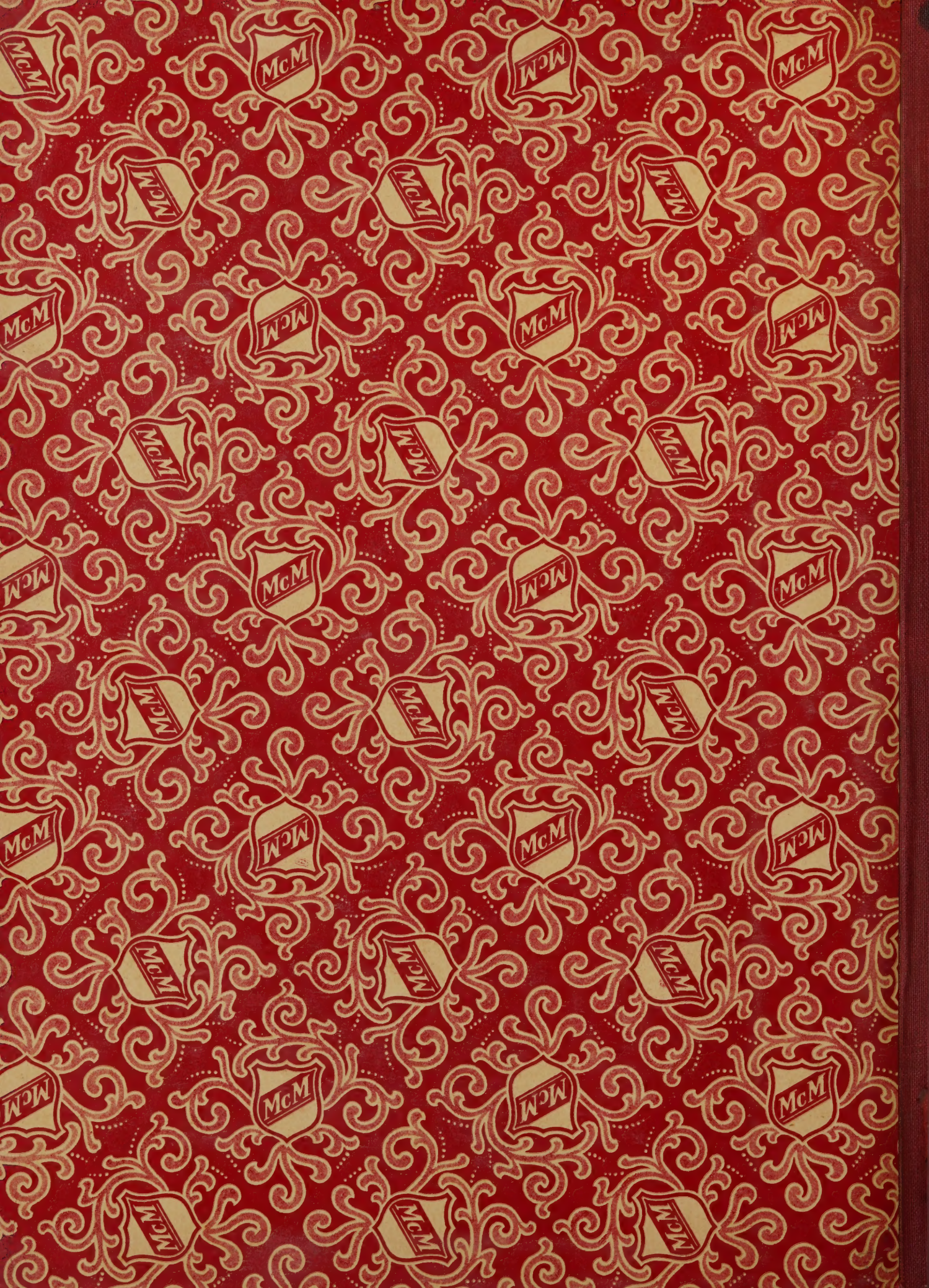
P.S. I sent a check to Ephpheta House last week which left a balance of $166.52. We should receive approximately $47 in interest by the first of July.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